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Zhao stresses need for strong ties with U.S.

PEKING, Feb. 4 (AP) — Premier Zhao Ziyang declared Friday that China attaches great importance to "lasting, stable and friendly" Sino-U.S. relations and said he will visit the United States despite the problem of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan.

"I would very much like to visit the United States and President (Ronald) Reagan has invited me and I have accepted but the date is not yet fixed," Zhao told American reporters before meeting U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

In his first press conference with Americans, Zhao also said he hoped for a "breakthrough" in the next round of Sino-Soviet consultations in Moscow in March.

He said he had little hope that U.S.-Soviet arms control talks on nuclear weapons would yield "substantial progress."

"But we hope the negotiations will be conducive to international peace and security and not detrimental to the interests of a third party," he said. It was an apparent reference to possible movement of Soviet missiles from Europe to Asia.

Shultz met earlier Friday with Defense Minister Zhang Aiping in an apparent effort to revive a dialogue on military affairs and possible U.S. weapon sales to China. "The major obstacle (in Sino-U.S. relations) is the question of Taiwan," Zhao said in answer to a question.

"China attaches great importance of Sino-U.S. relations," he said. "We hope China and the United States will have lasting and stable and friendly relations because this is not only in the two peoples but in the interests of peace and stability in the world."

"It is most important to establish mutual trust," he said. China has opposed all U.S. weapons sales to Taiwan which it considers a breakaway province. In regard to Taiwan, he said, Sino-U.S. relations must be conducted on the basis of respect for sovereignty and non-interference in each other's affairs.

"Only in this way can we see a healthy development of our rela-



SHULTZ IN PEKING: U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz enters the Great Hall Thursday for the third round of talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian.

(Wire photo)

Shultz said he also complained about Sino-U.S. trade and textile problems but said they are not a major topic of talks during the Shultz visit.

Over the years, he said, China has suffered a \$10 billion trade deficit with the United States and has had to pay with hard currency.

The premier said "the atmosphere was good" for Shultz's talks with Foreign Minister Wu Xueqian and the talks would enhance mutual understanding.

On Sino-Soviet relations, Zhao said, "China wishes that Soviet leaders will take new efforts in removing obstacles to Sino-Soviet relations so there will be a new breakthrough in the next round of consultations."

Confers with Reagan Kreisky to lobby U.S. peace plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky offered "enthusiastic support" Thursday for President Ronald Reagan's Middle East initiative when the two leaders met at the White House, a senior administration official said.

Reagan and Kreisky, who maintains extensive contacts with Middle East leaders, including Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, spent nearly two hours together.

Reagan disclosed that he was nominating Helene A. Von Damm, his original White House secretary and now director of presidential personnel, to be the U.S. Ambassador to Austria, a post that has been vacant for nearly two years. Ms. Von Damm was born in Austria and worked for Reagan when he was governor of California.

The failure to fill the post was seen as an expression of U.S. irritation with Austria, particularly regarding differences over the East-West trade.

But Reagan, escorting Kreisky to a waiting limousine after the talks, said "our bilateral relationship with Austria remains close and cooperative." Kreisky responded: "The relations between the United States and Austria are completely without frictions."

A senior administration official told reporters Kreisky offered to "do everything he could" to advance the president's Middle East program.

Reagan called on Sept. 1 for a freeze on Israeli settlements in the West Bank, and formation of a Palestinian self-governing authority in association with Jordan. Israel has rejected Reagan's proposal.

The official, who spoke on the condition that he would not be further identified, said Kreisky "expressed enthusiastic support for the president's initiative."

He said the chancellor said he would discuss it with other Middle East leaders with whom he is in contact and would tell them of his support.

The official said the chancellor did not offer to serve as a middleman between the president and Arafat, and that the chancellor did not bring a message from the Palestinian

leader.

But, the official said, "he is trying to help. He has very good contacts with many of the leaders in the Middle East."

Kreisky, in addition to recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization, welcomed Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi to Vienna last March. In 1979, he became the first Western leader to receive Arafat.

Reagan, bidding farewell to Kreisky, told reporters the two also discussed Poland. The administration official reported that Reagan told the chancellor that "we continue to find the Polish situation discouraging."

Reagan urges total pullout

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — President Ronald Reagan said Friday that recent confrontations between U.S. Marines and Israeli forces in Lebanon point to the need for all foreign forces to get out of the country.

"These incidents are the types of things that happen. And the best answer is for the Israelis, Syrians and the remaining Palestinian Liberation Organization commandos to go back to their own borders," he said.

The president defended the action of a U.S. Marine captain this week who confronted three Israeli tanks when they approached an American military zone outside Beirut. "The Marine officer did the only thing he could do," Reagan said at a brief news conference at the White House.

The president said Israel has assured the United States that such incidents will not occur again. Reagan said he could not "set any time limit" on when the American contingent of the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon would leave. The United States is "trying to expedite the departure of all foreign forces," he said.

Bush challenges Soviets on missile-cut proposals

GENEVA, Feb. 4 (R) — U.S. Vice-President George Bush Friday challenged the Soviet Union to present its own proposals for banning all medium-range nuclear weapons.

Speaking before the 40-nation committee on disarmament here, Bush said all Soviet offers made so far would leave Moscow with a monopoly in these rockets, known as intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF).

Washington has proposed the "zero option", banning these missiles completely.

but the U.S. was ready to listen to any constructive proposal Moscow might present, he said.

"I say to the Soviets: Come up with your own plan to banish these INF missiles," Bush said here, the fifth stop of his European tour. "We are ready to consider initiatives that will achieve that goal."

"Ours is not a take-it-or-leave-it proposition," he said of the zero option, which has come in for increasing criticism in Western Europe as the December deadline it contains draws near.

Under this proposal, the U.S. would drop plans to deploy 572 new Cruise and Pershing-2 nuclear missiles in Western Europe if the Soviet Union scrapped its SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 medium-range missiles, 500 of which are in Europe, with 100 more in Siberia.

"Ours is a moral position," the vice-president said. "What is wrong with eliminating from the face of the earth an entire class of missiles?"

"The only argument I have heard why we cannot eliminate INF missiles is that the Soviets are against it. Well, that argument is not good enough."

Bush is due Friday to meet U.S. and Soviet delegates to both sets of nuclear arms talks here — the INF negotiations and those on intercontinental missiles known in the West as "START."

He said he would emphasize to both delegations "the great importance which the United States — and President Reagan personally — attaches to a successful outcome in both of them."

India's capital goes to the polls

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Some 3.175,000 voters will go to the polls here in Saturday's municipal elections. The outcome is likely to be interpreted as an indication of how successful Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has been in convincing the public of the sincerity of her attempts to clean up her Congress Party and her administration.

Last week, Mrs. Gandhi reshuffled her cabinet and appointed close followers to reorganize the party structure after the Congress Party suffered crushing electoral defeats last month in its former southern strongholds of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

The elections here are crucial as the victors will exercise considerable influence at the national elections in 1985.

New Delhi has been under the direct rule of a governor appointed by the federal government since 1981, when the two legislative bodies were dissolved by Mrs. Gandhi. From 1967 to 1980 the conservative opposition Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held an absolute majority.

Some 400 candidates are contesting the 56 Delhi metropolitan council seats while 734 are running for the 100 Delhi municipal corporation seats.

Saturday's voting looks like being a straight fight between the Congress Party and the BJP led by former Foreign Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee.

26 Filipinos slain in armed attacks

MANILA, Feb. 4 (AFP) — A total of 26 persons were killed Friday in central and southern Philippines in surprise attacks by heavily armed men wearing fatigue uniforms, military and government officials told AFP provincial correspondents.

Eighteen persons, including six militiamen, a policeman, and a village chairman were killed when some 300 men attacked two villages simultaneously at 4 a.m. in Davao del Norte province some 900 kms south of here, military officials said.

Armed with machine guns and Armalite rifles, the men sprayed bullets through the houses of sleeping residents of the villages after shouting "you devils" and demanding that the militiamen surrender, according to the officials. The attackers then fled into the forest, they added.

Seven hours later, another group confirmed to have been members of the Communist New People's Army (NPA) ambushed and shot to death six government troops in the same province, the officials said.

In Negros Occidental province some 620 kms south of here, two militiamen were stabbed to death when some 100 armed men believed to be NPA members went after the armory of the police station inside the Candani Town Hall, according to the town mayor.

Lost Mozart symphony found

ODENSE, Feb. 4 (AP) — Experts have identified a musical score found tucked away in a cellar as a symphony written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart when he was 12. It had been missing for almost two centuries.

Gunnar Thygesen, librarian of the Odense Symphony Orchestra, said he found the score almost a year ago in music turned over to the library by the city archives. He said he avoided publicity until his identification could be verified by other experts.

He said the orchestra will perform the symphony, in three movements, late this year. The movements are *allegro moderato*, *andantino* and *rondo*, with the first and the last movements in a minor and the second in a major.

In Copenhagen, Professor Jens Peter Larsen, an internationally known expert on Joseph Haydn, said he was no doubt that the work is by Mozart.

"I spent all last night once more poring

over the score. It's not one of the greatest symphonies, but a nice piece of composing," he said.

"The inventiveness and the use of the A minor strongly indicate the composer was under the influence of the Vienna School in the 1760s," Mozart was born in 1756.

Thygesen said the symphony's existence was known previously. Ludwig Van Koechel, who made a chronological inventory of Mozart's works, recorded it as number 16A. The Lerman music publishing house Breitkopf and Haertel listed it in a 19th century catalog, giving three bars of its main theme. "These three bars, a so-called incipit, also are on the first page of the music found here," Thygesen said.

The librarian said it has been verified that the hand-written music was acquired in 1798, seven years after Mozart's death, by Klubben (the club), a private Odense music society that organized concerts.

Flow of funds from U.S. fuels Irish violence

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (R) — "Approximately 75 percent of the funds utilized to sustain the violence in Northern Ireland has been received from private U.S. sources," the U.S. Justice Department wrote in a memorandum during a nationwide investigation lasting 12 years.

The memorandum, just obtained by Reuters, said the "Irish situation has become an embarrassment to the United States." The U.S. government is this month prosecuting four men accused of trying to buy surface-to-air missiles for the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which is waging a violent campaign to end British rule in the province.

The Justice Department inquiries led it to conclude that the main U.S. source of funds for the IRA, outlawed in Britain and Ireland, was the Irish Northern Aid Committee (NORAID). This allegation, based partly on information provided by the Irish and British governments, has never been proved in court, and NORAID spokesmen deny it though they admit checks have been written directly to IRA leaders.

In another undated document, the department said the Northern Aid Committee (NAC) of Belfast and Dublin and NORAID, its U.S. agent, were nothing more than a "convenient vehicle to avoid U.S. neutrality laws."

The investigation began in 1970 during President Richard Nixon's administration, shortly after NORAID registered. The organization then had about 70 chapters or branches, and the probe grew as NORAID grew to its present 100 chapters.

Inquiry methods, described in government documents, included telephone taps, surveillance of individuals, interviews by government agents who failed to identify themselves as such, and informants who were NORAID members.

NORAID spokesman Martin Galvin



"We support the struggle for freedom in Ireland, morally. We have no direct connection with the IRA in any sense. We certainly don't supply weapons or do anything of that regard."

But NORAID admits it has written checks to IRA leaders, including one for \$20,000 that was later voided.

Galvin said NORAID had raised about \$3 million since its inception, averaging about \$25,000 a year with \$40,000 contributed in 1981, the year IRA hunger strikes riveted world attention on the Maze Prison.

The British government has said it takes about \$1.5 million each year went to the Provisional IRA operating in Northern Ireland. The Provisionals split from the Official IRA on ideological grounds in 1969.

Among the government documents are photocopies of copies of bank drafts obtained during spot checks of New York banks. One check for \$20,000 was sent directly to Sean MacStiofain, an IRA leader, by Michael Flannery, a NORAID founder who last year at the age of 80 was found not guilty of running guns to Northern Ireland.

Dated May 1, 1972, the draft is marked prominently with the word "void." Printed across the bottom of it are the words: "Do not send any money to MacStiofain at any time. It must all be sent to NORAID and receipted." Galvin said MacStiofain voided the draft himself. "That check was sent to Mr. MacStiofain at a time when our contributions to needy families were just beginning," he added.

Other drafts were sent to Joseph Cahill, another IRA leader, and Joseph Clarke, a leader of Sinn Fein, the political arm of the Provisional IRA. Questioned about them, Galvin said: "If we sent money to men like MacStiofain or men like Joe Cahill or Joe Clarke, you can be cent percent certain that it went to the needy families."

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Middle East Electricity Exhibition opens today

By Hussein Dakrouh
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — The Middle East Electricity and Electronics Exhibition will be formally inaugurated in Jeddah Saturday evening by Mahmoud Taiba, governor of the General Electricity Corporation. Some 250 companies will participate in the exhibition which is organized by Al-Harithy Company of Jeddah and Fairs and Exhibitions Limited of London.

The exhibition, to be held at the Jeddah Expo Center, will cover an area of over 5,000 square meters. The event is considered as the largest and most comprehensive exhibition of its kind ever organized in the Middle East.

The governments of the United States, Britain, West Germany, France, Italy, Canada, Spain, Netherlands and Norway are officially supporting their exhibitors. More than 30 Saudi Arabian manufacturers and service distributors will display equipment and services. There will also be independent exhibitors from Austria, Denmark, Finland and Asia.

Items at the exhibition, which will continue till Feb. 9, range from heavy generating plant equipment to microchips.

Also coming for the exhibition will be the West German Prime Minister Lothar Spaeth, who is due to arrive here Saturday accompanied by officials of the state ministry of Baden-Wuerttemberg and prominent businessmen. Spaeth's visit is seen as the first contact between representatives of a German state government (Bundesland) and members of the political, commercial and industrial community in the Kingdom. Some 26 exhibitors from Baden-Wuerttemberg will show their goods and highest technology at the exhibition.

Meanwhile, coinciding with the exhibition, the Kraftwerk Union AG (KWU), a leading German supplier of electric power generation equipment, will place its renowned large heavy-duty gas turbines at the disposal of electric power companies in the Kingdom. According to Hans-Dieter Von Loebbecke, general manager of the KWU Saudi Arabia Ltd.

So far, the KWU had restricted its participation in the development of the Kingdom's electrification to the supply and installation of steam turbine-generators, namely, here and in Alkhobar.

As an independent company within the international Siemens concern, KWU claims to possess unique turnkey plant engineering and installation capability as evidenced by its nuclear and conventional power stations.



SERVICE AWARDS: The Saudi American Bank honored 15 of its employees Thursday night for serving the bank for over 20 years. Shown on left, Managing Director Bob Botter presents an award to Ibrahim Muhammad Ibrahim, a Saudi Arabian national, who has been with the bank for over 27 years. Some of the other award winners are seen on the right.

SAMBA honors employees for services

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — Saudi American Bank (SAMBA) honored 15 of its employees, of which 11 are Saudi Arabian nationals, for their services of over 20 years with the bank, at the second annual dinner function for the staff organized at Hyatt Regency Hotel in Jeddah on Thursday evening.

SAMBA Managing Director Bob Botter awarded prizes to four employees for their services of over 25 years, which included Ibrahim Muhammad Ibrahim (Saudi), Hashim Ahmed Madani (Saudi), Insan Shaker Alami (Palestinian) and Abdulatif Muhammad Abdullah (Sudanese).

Eleven other prizes were awarded for service of 20 to 25 years, which comprised

Ibrahim Abdullah Badawood (South Yemen); Muhammad Mosfer Al-Ghamdi (Saudi); Ahmed I. Flimban (Saudi); Al-Sharif Hamid A. Al-Hejari (Saudi); Ahmed Said Al-Ghamdi (Saudi); Ahmed Othman Zahran (Saudi); Mohin Issa Kadi Al-Naami (Saudi); Abdul Aziz Muhammad Anafisi (Saudi); Omer Bashraheel (Saudi); Mousa Al Sherif (Saudi) and Hussein Muhammad Al-Ghamdi (Saudi).

Speaking on the occasion, Bob Botter lauded the efforts of the employees and announced sanction of funds for club building for the staff. The bank has nearly 350 employees working in its six branches in the Western Region (four in Jeddah, one in Abha and one in Khams Musiat). By the end of this year, it hopes to add three more branches, one each at Taif, Madinah and Jeddah.

according to Bank Vice President (Branches) Steve Farkas.

Western Region Senior Administration Officer and head of the corporate sector Beat Kramer said he appreciated the employee's dedication to work and team spirit to achieve the goals set by the bank. Corporate Services Assistant Salem Modjadidi welcomed the everyone and thanked them for making the function a grand success.

Public Affairs Manager Paul Pham Van Dang said the bank offers a unique facility to its current account customers, as they can cash their checks at any of the branches in the Kingdom because of computer-linked service.

SAMBA opened a huge training center last month in Riyadh known as the "Center of Banking and Finance."

Arts and Culture Society achieves large development

RIYADH, Feb. 4 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Arts and Culture Society (SAAAS) has succeeded in making large strides on the path of cultural development although it has been established only in 1973.

From the very beginning, SAAAS' achievements have been characterized by seriousness derived from Saudi Arabian society and environment with the aim of maintaining the Kingdom's noble tradition and religious values.

The society also aims at raising the cultural and social standards among citizens and giving men of arts and culture the chance to participate in the comprehensive development and progress witnessed by the Kingdom.

Developing Saudi arts and culture to be in line with Arab and international standards is one of SAAAS' major objectives.

SAAAS has taken part in major events organized inside and outside Saudi Arabia to acquaint people with the Kingdom's comprehensive development in the field of culture and fine arts.

The first Arab Cultural Festival held at UNESCO headquarters in Paris in 1981 had successfully demonstrated Saudi fine arts, culture, national dress, handicrafts and Arab and Islamic manuscripts. The festival was inaugurated by the Chairman of Youth Welfare Organization Prince Faisal bin Fahd, the UNESCO Director-General Ahmad Mukh-

tar and the French minister of youth and sports.

The festival gave a vivid picture on the Kingdom's achievements in theater production and music performance in its capacity as one of the leading Gulf countries.

SAAAS spares no efforts in honoring intellectuals and men of arts who rendered their country great services and helped in pushing ahead cultural development. Awards are given to the best authors as the society has established the Saudi Novel Club which arranges literary competitions among novelists, dramatists and critics.

SAAAS is giving much care to public libraries, literary clubs and supplying them with books and publications.

SAPTCO's survey aims at slashing expenditures

By Javid Hassan
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Feb. 4 — The Saudi Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) is conducting a Kingdom-wide comprehensive operational analysis (COA) to cut down the cost of operation and maintain an increased level of service. The study has already been completed here while it is now in progress in the other regions.

SAPTCO's Director-General Dr. Samir A. Ghonaim gave this information to Arab News while emphasizing that the survey is

Japanese group will plan cancer research center

RIYADH, Feb. 4 (ONA) — A Japanese mission is expected in Saudi Arabia in March to go into the details of a would-be cancer research center in Jeddah within the context of bilateral relations. Ashraf Al-Awsat reported Friday.

A Japanese spokesman said that his government has agreed to train five Saudi Arabians in Japan to form the nucleus of the institution's technical and administrative machinery.

March biology seminar slated

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 (SPA) — The sixth seminar on biology in Saudi Arabia organized by the Saudi Biological Association will be held at King Abdul Aziz University here on March 1. The three-day deliberations will deal with biological issues related to the Kingdom.

More than 250 Saudi Arabian and resident foreign scientists and researchers will participate in the seminar during which 100 research papers will be presented.

Two minor seminars will also be simultaneously held, one on biological studies and how they fit in with development plans in Saudi Arabia, and the other on pollution in the Kingdom.

GCC experts to study oil exploration, output

MUSCAT, Feb. 4 (SPA) — A two-day meeting of oil exploration and production experts from the Gulf Cooperation Council states will start here on Feb. 13. The experts will discuss ways of exchanging technical information among their countries in the fields of exploration and production.

part of an economy drive mounted by SAPTCO to tone up its services. He said that in the beginning the ratio of revenue to expenditure was 25 to 75 percent. Now, three-and-a-half years later, it stands at 50-50, signifying SAPTCO's resolve to get over the bend.

The COA is expected to reduce its subsidy by 29 percent and save 19.3 percent of the total cost of operation, of SR183 million, Dr. Ghonaim said. The report on the Riyadh traffic survey has been submitted to the ministry of communications. Implementation will follow within two months of the date of approval by the ministry, he added.

Under the COA, which covers Jeddah, Dammam, Makkah, Taif, Madinah and Qassim, SAPTCO workers will board the buses and monitor the traffic on various routes. They will seek to find out, in particular, the volume of traffic on each route so that some routes may be changed, others withdrawn and new ones created to make the whole operations useful to the public and lucrative to the organization. Every alteration or addition of the route will be preceded by a publicity campaign for the commuters, Dr. Ghonaim said.

He also disclosed plans to introduce new routes linking the northern and southern parts of the Kingdom. Apart from these inter-city services, each of the regions will have increased local services. A constant route will also be started from the north to the south on lines similar to the Dammam-Jeddah service launched eight weeks ago. Also under study is a service from Riyadh to Madinah via Qassim. All these services are expected to give SAPTCO an annual turnover of 154,900,000 riyals made up of 157,000,000 for the total local service and 3,000,000 for the inter-city haul.

SAPTCO, according to Dr. Ghonaim, is branching out into a new field of operations. It is planning, in conjunction with local hospitals in the city, the introduction of a tourist service to acquaint the people with the Kingdom's rich cultural heritage and its scenic spots.



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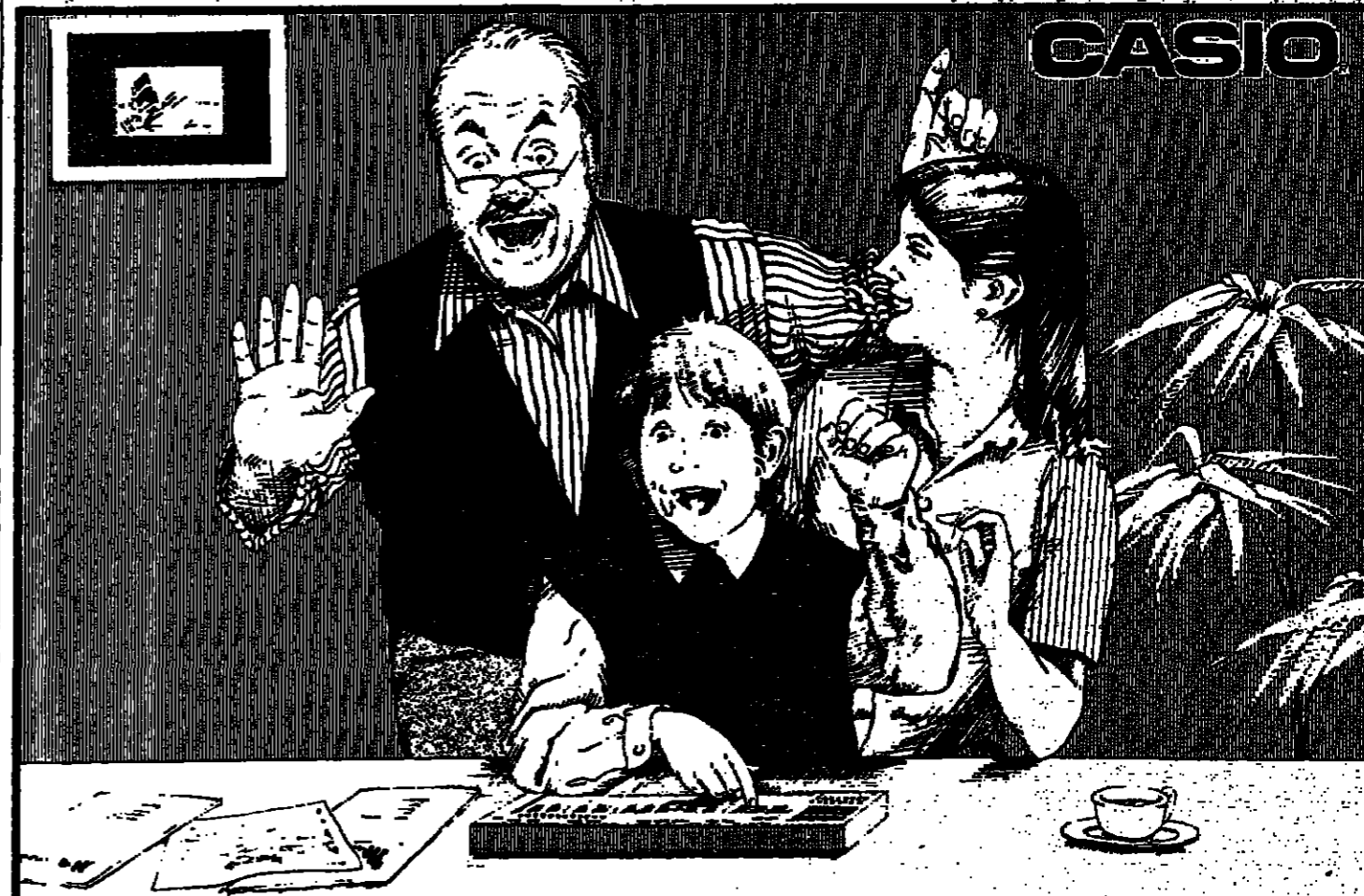


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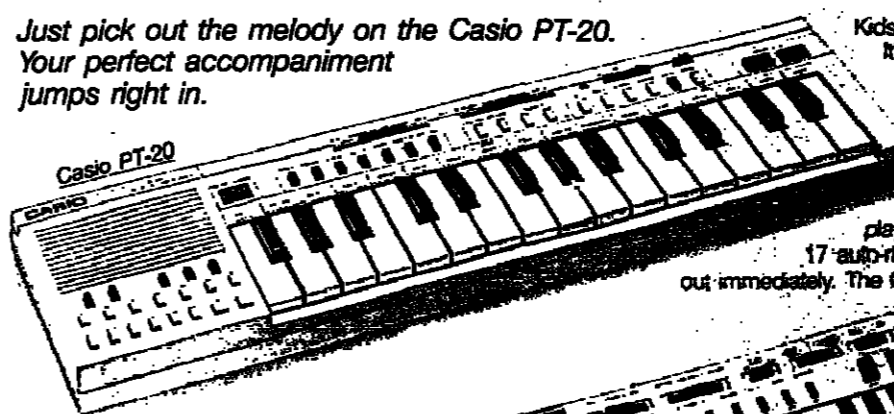
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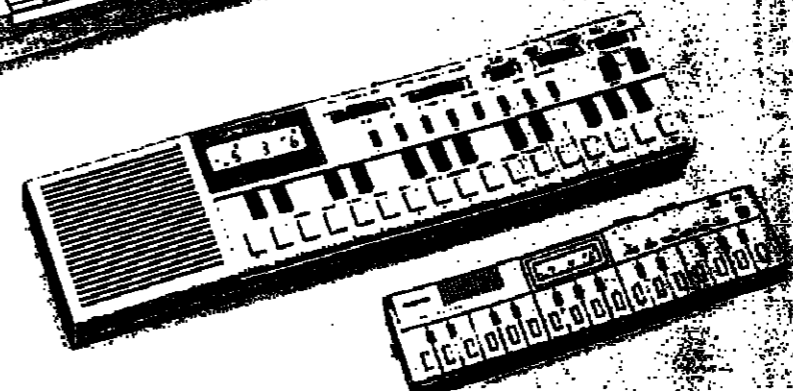
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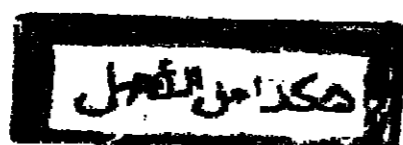
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'Women's only' hospital opens soon

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — Dr. Siddiq Maternity Hospital, claimed to be the first of its kind in the Kingdom to be managed by women and for women only, will be added this month to the list of fast-growing medical and health facilities in Saudi Arabia.

The hospital, specializing in gynecology and obstetrics, located at the Bani Malik Road here is now ready and expected to be opened this month, according to Dr. Siddiq Kamal Pasha, the proprietor of the hospital.

It will have pediatric out-patient and general out-patient sections for women.

Dr. Pasha told Arab News, the idea to open a women's hospital came from her experience in dealing with patients. She said women feel more relaxed when examined by female doctors and feel more comfortable discussing intimate problems with them.

"I became convinced during my ten years service with the Ministry of Health here since 1964 and thereafter in private practice at my clinic in Bab Makkah, that gynecology and obstetrics should be handled mainly by women," Dr. Pasha said.

She, along with support from her husband Dr. Anwar Kamal Pasha decided to open this SR20 million hospital, of which SR3.8 million has been provided by the government and the balance funded through personal efforts and bank loans.

The two-story hospital building with a basement for laundry, kitchen and restaurant, is spread over an area of 3,200 square meters and provides a parking area of 2,000 square meters. It now has 30 beds divided into deluxe rooms, eight single rooms, six double rooms and two rooms with four beds each.

The husband and wife team plans four charity beds for patients who cannot afford

the hospital cost. She said it will be possible, if donors make contribution for such beds, for patients to be allotted these beds for free.

"We are planning for the expansion of the hospital shortly by adding 20 more beds for women and 20 beds for children," Dr. Pasha said.

The hospital has the largest nursery in the Kingdom with 30 beds for new-born babies. It is fully equipped with incubators. The building has centralized air-conditioning and a gas system with the facility of piped music, television and videos with English, Arabic and Hindi movies.

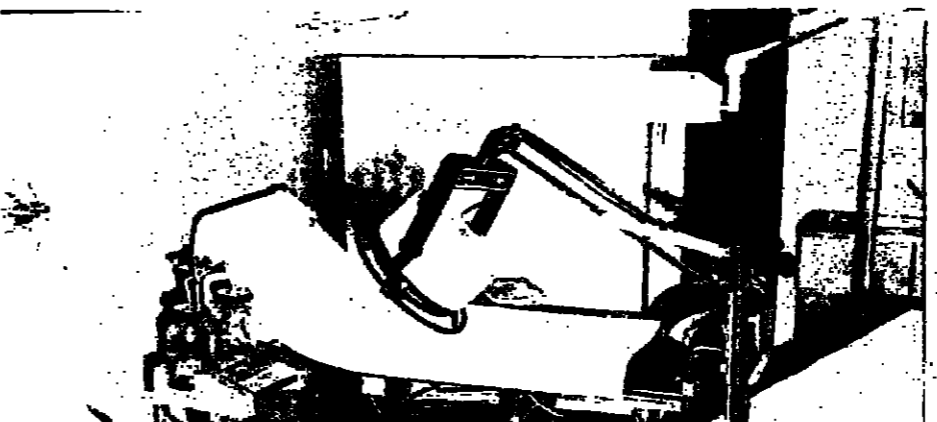
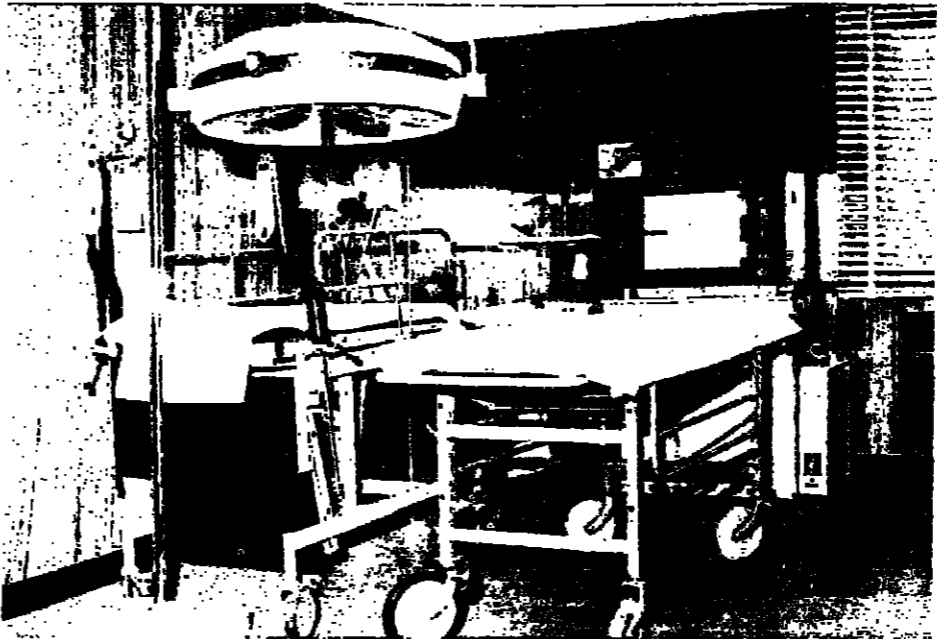
All equipment is from the United States and Europe, and has a qualified staff from various countries. Some of the latest equipment include modern X-ray machines, an ultra-sound machine to diagnose pregnancy of less than eight weeks and scanning machines for the diagnosis of ailments.

The hospital will have two consultants, one child's specialist, two diploma-holders, three general physicians, a radiologist, a pathologist and a pharmacist. There will be one matron and 15 nurses, helped by 20 junior nurses or nursing aids.

Dr. Pasha said there is a pharmacy and a florist shop. There is separate waiting area for men and women.

"Men can visit the patients during visiting hours," she said.

Both the husband and wife came from India in 1963 and have been Saudi Arabian nationals for the last eight years. Dr. Pasha comes from a family of many physicians. Now their daughter Fauzia is studying medicine at the King Abdul Aziz Medical College and son Mustafa now studying in England will join the medical college here next year.



LATEST EQUIPMENT: Hospital equipment shown here includes latest machines from United States and Europe. Pictured above are an X-ray machine with camera and T.V. monitoring system, and below, facilities for gynecology patients.

Five firms are removed from 'list'

RIYADH, Feb. 4 — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaiman has lifted the ban from a number of foreign companies after it was proved that they did not violate the provisions of the Arab boycott of Israel, *Al-Riyadh* reported.

Five Malaysian companies were removed from the black list, along with their 188 subsidiaries, including 41 Malaysian, 30 Singapore, 44 Hong Kong, 40 British, four American, three Thai, three Dutch, three Canadian and 19 other branches of various nationalities.

5 archaeology teams surveying Kingdom's sites

RIYADH, Feb. 4 (SPA) — Five archaeology teams are now surveying the Kingdom according to a spokesman for the archaeology department here.

The first team has begun its work in Thag in the Eastern Province and the second is in an area south of Dhahran. Both teams are working on prehistoric sites.

The third team is a follow-up to previous surveys in the Dawadmi area, while the fourth is surveying the Egyptian and Levantine Haj Road, which dates back more than 200 years. The purpose of this particular survey is to find out about sites established along this road from the northern part of the Kingdom to Makkah.

A fifth team is now working in the Bisha and Baha area. They are investigating minerals which were previously used in the peninsula. Members of this team were involved in a survey last year in the area from North Yemen to Taif.

Mina projects approved

MINA, Feb. 4 — Sanitation and water projects have been approved here this week with contracts for large water tanks and sanitation facilities.

According to *Okaz*, several new water tanks, one with a capacity of one million cubic meters and another with a capacity of 600,000 cubic meters have been installed here and will be filled within six months.

Special dinner inaugurates new Jeddah gourmet society

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — The initial meeting of a new gourmet society took place here Wednesday evening at the Red Sea Palace Hotel. During the meeting the objectives of the organization were outlined, its provisions and charter discussed and club statutes proposed and an expertly-prepared gourmet dinner was served.

The initial formation of the "Gourmets of Jeddah" was envisioned by several members of the hotel staff as an opportunity to give area residents a chance to enjoy gourmet food inspired by "La Nouvelle

Cuisine," but not, however, limited exclusively to that type of menu. Prospective members suggested during the meeting that they were interested in sampling other types of gourmet food as well, including Arabic cuisine, Italian cuisine and several other types of food.

The objectives of the organization were outlined to enjoy excellent food inspired by "La Nouvelle Cuisine," meeting with fellow gourmets, thus widening one's circle of friends and social activities, both locally and internationally, making contact with similar international associations, promoting and

supporting nutritional and educational programs and promoting Arabic cuisine.

The Red Sea Palace Hotel recently mailed out a questionnaire which asked the recipient about what they would like such an organization to do. A complete list of membership rules and goals were compiled from this questionnaire and approved by vote during the initial meeting.

It was decided that special gourmet dinners will be held every two months and a membership drive will begin immediately. Membership in the organization will be limited to 75.



WOMEN'S HOSPITAL: A unique hospital Dr. Siddiq Maternity Hospital, entirely managed by and only for women, will be opened this month at Bani Malik area of Jeddah. Shown here is the two-story hospital building.

Saudi Arabian car import regulations now require mandatory mirrors, shatter-proof windshields

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — New cars will no longer be cleared for entry into Saudi Arabia unless they conform with specifications set out recently by the Saudi Arabian Standardization Department, *Al-Masayyah* reported. The decision went into effect as of Feb. 3.

According to the specifications, made to adhere to Saudi Arabia's climate and conditions, all cars have to have a rear-view mirror on each side and a plastic substance on the

windshield to protect passengers from disintegrating glass in the event of an accident.

Car importers who do not abide by the specifications will be penalized, the statement said. They will also be deprived of the right to import any kind of vehicles to Saudi Arabia. The specifications were adopted after a series of experiments to ensure maximum safety.

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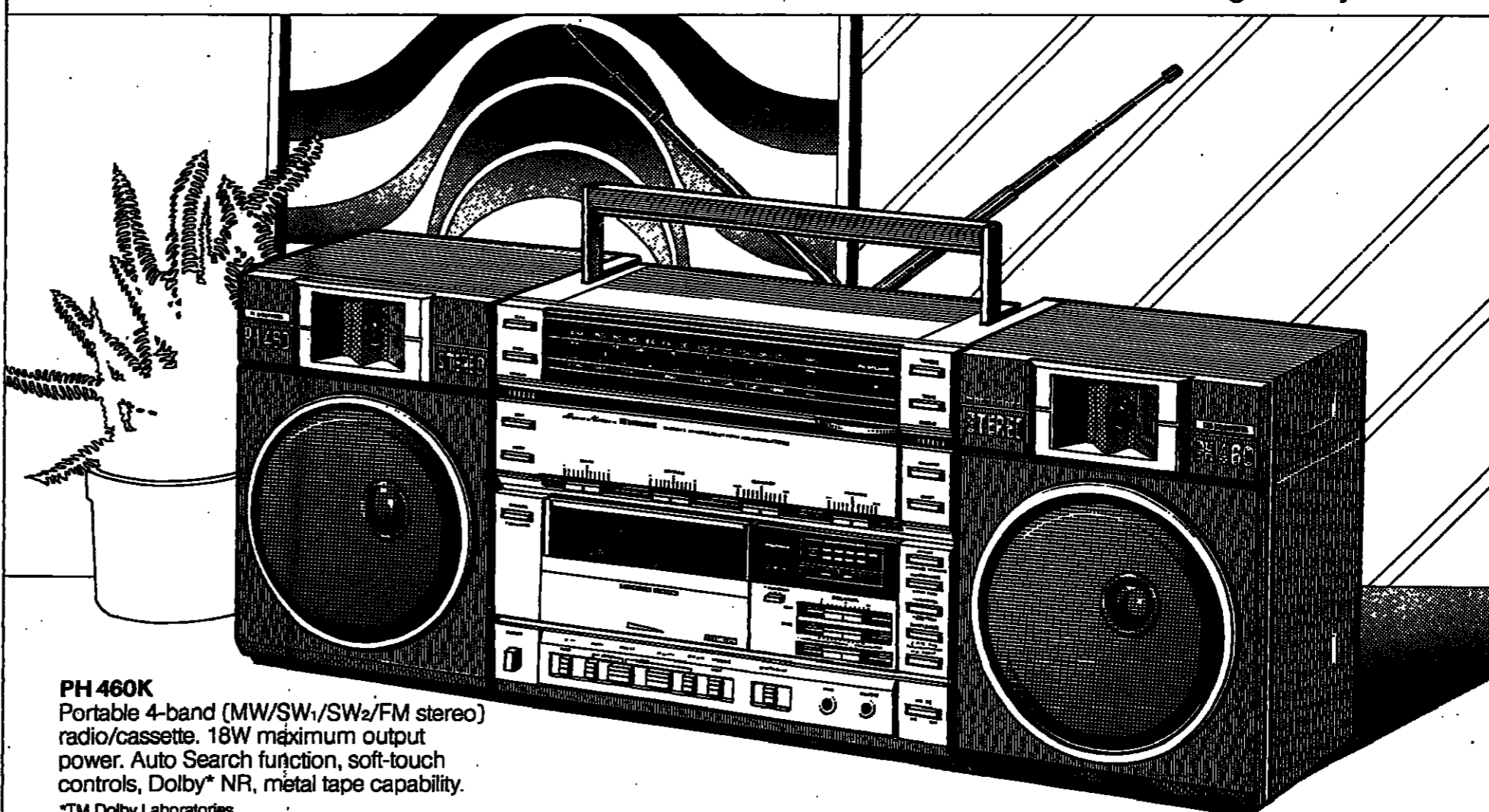
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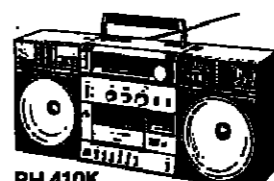


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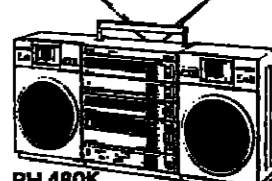
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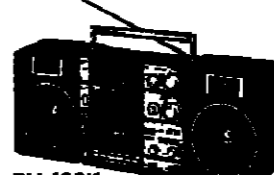
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U.S. holds key to M.E. peace, Mubarak, Mitterrand concur

PARIS, Feb. 4 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak heads home Friday after calling for a rapid Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon at talks with French President Francois Mitterrand.

Mubarak, who arrived Thursday from London, briefed Mitterrand on his talks with President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. "Israel must withdraw from Lebanon. Foreign forces must also withdraw," he told reporters afterward.

He said he told Reagan in Washington "that it was urgent that all foreign forces withdraw and that we go forward to settle the Palestine problem which is at the heart of the Middle East issue."

Syria has said its troops will leave Lebanon when the Israelis do so, and the Palestinians are expected to follow suit.

Mubarak said before leaving London that he had also asked Mrs. Thatcher to press Washington for action over Lebanon.

The French and Egyptian leaders, who have met four times since 1981, both feel the United States has the major role to

play in bringing about a Middle East settlement.

In a move which irritated Washington last year, France and Egypt drew up a draft U.N. Security Council resolution calling for an independent Palestinian state with security guarantees for countries in the region.

They have since taken a back seat to the United States over Lebanon but France, concerned by the near stalemate in negotiations between Israel and Lebanon over troop withdrawals, has been making its own efforts behind the scenes.

Mubarak said settlement of the Palestinian problem was the best guarantee of security Israel could have.

The two leaders also discussed the Iran-Iraq conflict, which Mubarak said had a vital bearing on peace for the region.

Both countries are giving military and financial help to Iraq, although Mubarak said in London Egypt had no intention of sending troops "for the time being at least."

Egypt has been providing the Iraqi armed forces with spare parts and earlier this week French press reports said France, Iraq's second biggest arms supplier, was providing six fighter bombers equipped with Exocet missiles.



MUBARAK IN PARIS: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak is welcomed by President Mitterrand in Paris Thursday.

Britain castigates Israelis for human rights violations

GENEVA, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Britain made a surprise intervention at a meeting here of the United Nations Human Rights Commission to criticize Israel for human rights violations in the Middle East. It was the first time in many years that Britain had participated in a commission debate on the Palestinian question.

British delegate Lord Colville of Culross, himself acknowledging the unique nature of his comments, Thursday said that in the Israeli-occupied West Bank "elected mayors have been dismissed and town councils dissolved ... for refusing to cooperate with an imposed civilian administration."

He also referred to "the imposition of Israeli law to the Golan Heights in 1981."

"We strongly believe that all foreign forces should be withdrawn from Lebanon as soon as possible," he said, and then charged that the "Israeli government refused to apply the third and fourth Geneva conventions concerning prisoners of war."

"Israel is not the sole offender against human rights in the area," he said. Lord Colville's speech was followed by an even more impassioned one from the Irish delegate, delegates said.

Both the Palestine Liberation Organization and Israel have representatives on the commission, which was expected to consider a resolution condemning "the practice of Israel carried out in Lebanon."

PLO sets terms for POWs swap

BEIRUT, Feb. 4 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat's deputy commander outlined Friday the PLO's terms for an exchange of war prisoners with Israel. Lebanese radio stations reported.

Khalil Wazir, code-named Abu Jihad, told reporters in Damascus the PLO conditions have been communicated to the International Red Cross and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, state and privately owned Lebanese radio stations said. Abu Jihad said the Austrian capital, Vienna, was the site proposed for the swap, the broadcasts added.

Kreisky, now on an official visit to Washington, has been mediating for the release of eight Israeli soldiers taken prisoner by the PLO in the Lebanon war last summer. Their release is among Israel's conditions to withdraw its invasion army from Lebanon.

Abu Jihad is in direct charge of the Israeli captives in his capacity as top military commander of the PLO's 6,000 to 10,000 commandos remaining in northern and eastern Lebanon.

He said the PLO has demanded the release of 1,000 Palestinians from the Israeli's South Lebanon detention camp of Ansar, according to the Lebanese broadcasts.

He said another PLO condition was the return of "everything Israeli forces looted from the Palestine Research Center in Beirut."

8 Palestinians killed

SIDON, Feb. 4 (AP) — At least eight Palestinian men have been abducted from their homes around this South Lebanon port city and murdered in the past month, police say.

In a statement released by the Cyprus-based PLO news agency Wafa, a commando organization, claimed the killings were the work of "Israeli agents from Lebanon's right-wing militias."

Hisham Sharaf, head of Lebanon's internal security forces, said in an interview four Palestinian men were abducted and wounded by Israeli forces.

He added, "Palestinians are being harassed in South Lebanon and their cars stolen — 45 such with thefts from Palestinians have been reported ... and (Palestinians) houses and shops have been targeted." He said he could not say whether behind these activities in the South Lebanon area.

The PLO claimed the killings, along with a series of house-bombings, were part of a campaign to intimidate Palestinian families to flee their homes in Lebanese middle-class neighborhoods.



U.S. MARINES: A U.S. Marine, left, walks with an Israeli commander after a meeting Thursday to reaffirm demarcation arrangement between Marines and Israeli troops in Beirut. (Wire photo)

American-Israeli accord said vague

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — U.S. and Israeli representatives in Lebanon have reached an agreement of some sort on a tentative line to separate U.S. Marines and Israeli troops, State and Defense Department sources say. But they are vague about where the line is and what the agreement entails.

The Israeli Army said in a statement in Tel Aviv Thursday that it had reached an agreement with U.S. representatives which the Israelis claim re-affirms their right to patrol up to a north-south railroad line.

Asked whether it agreed with this Israeli version, the Defense Department had no comment. The State Department also had no official comment.

A defense official said, "to the best of my knowledge, they did lay out a turf line." But he said he was not in a position to specify the location of the line and added only that, "the Marines are operating within the multinational area of responsibility."

A State Department official confirmed that a tentative agreement had been reached, but said the United States had not given the Israelis "permission to do anything."

Gemayel's political honeymoon on the rocks

BEIRUT, Feb. 4 (AP) — After four months in office, the political honeymoon of President Amin Gemayel is wearing thin.

Gemayel's main problems appear to be a lack of progress in the American-mediated Lebanese-Israeli negotiations on the withdrawal of foreign forces, and the unabating sectarian violence in his religiously divided nation.

Another factor is widespread public discontent about the deterioration of basic services like telephones, roads, electric power and water — which were damaged in the past eight years of Muslim-Christian warfare and the Israeli invasion last summer.

Although none of the 41-year-old Christian president's opponents have attacked Gemayel openly, there is increasing grumbling about the lack of progress on all fronts, especially from Muslims.

"At some point, a failure to achieve the withdrawal of foreign forces could destroy Gemayel's political base and make it impossible for him to govern effectively," said a U.S. diplomat who declined to be named. Nationalists have taken issue with the Gemayel government's decision to negotiate with the Israelis at all.

"Israel has invaded and destroyed our country, killed more than 20,000 Lebanese, not to mention the horrible economic damage," said Druze leader Walid Jumblatt in a recent interview with the weekly magazine *Monday Morning*. "Why are we sitting with the Israelis at the same table?"

Jumblatt was an ally of the Palestinian commandos when they were based in Beirut and is on good terms with Syria.

The Druze have been locked in battle with Christians led by Gemayel's Phalangist Party in

the mountains southeast of the capital. By police count, more than 130 persons have been killed and scores kidnapped since last November.

News analysis

The battles spread to Christian East Beirut last weekend and alarmed many Lebanese, who hoped fighting between Muslims and Christians was over after Israel routed the PLO.

Politicians from most major sects and parties have issued statements of concern over the conflict, which the government fears could ultimately cost the support of the United States. France, Italy and Britain. All four nations have troops in Lebanon to support the Beirut government.

In an interview with the nationalist newspaper *As-Safir*, Gemayel's father Pierre appealed to the Muslim com-

munity to join with the Christians in resisting outside pressures from Syria and Israel.

"Should Muslims and Christians fall apart, there would be no Lebanon left," said the elder Gemayel, founder of the Phalangist Party.

However, Gemayel's government is caught in a bind:

Israel is pressuring Lebanon's Christians to support normalization of relations between the two countries, as well as a continuing Israeli military presence in the form of anti-commando watchposts. Muslims are aligning with Syria and other Arab states who have threatened to ostracize Gemayel's government economically and politically if it agrees to Israel's conditions.

"The long honeymoon which the president of the republic has enjoyed is over," commentator Sarkis Naoum wrote in a recent editorial in *Al-Nahar*.

Habash rules out breakup in PNC

DAMASCUS, Feb. 4 (R) — Palestinian leader George Habash has rejected fears of a split in the Palestinian parliament-in-exile and predicted that it would reject President Reagan's Middle East peace plan.

A meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC), due to start in Algiers Feb. 14, has been seen as likely to produce a showdown between pragmatists anxious to get the peace process moving and hardliners rejecting any compromise.

Dr. Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), expressed optimism that a political declaration by the PNC would include "clear rejection of pursuit of the American line and the Reagan plan."

Reagan's plan, calling for Palestinian home rule in association with Jordan but ruling out a Palestinian state, has been criticized by PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Dr. Habash told a press conference here that there was no cause to fear a split in the PNC. "We shall enter the council meetings fully confident of cementing Palestinian national unity, and on the basis of PLO refusal to go along the road of the various American plans now being put before us," he said.

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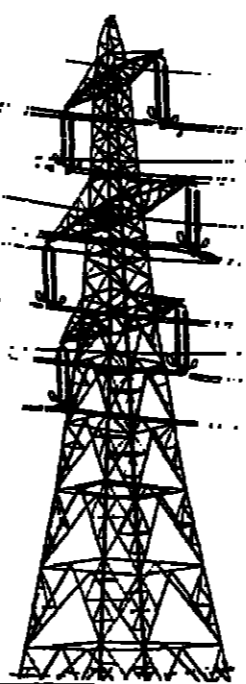
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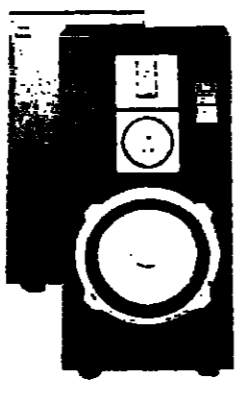
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Salvador guerrillas retreat from city

SAN SALVADOR, Feb. 4 (AP) — An army battalion regained control of Berlin with little fighting Thursday after leftist guerrillas pulled out of the city in eastern El Salvador claiming they fulfilled their objectives. A U.S. military adviser, riding a helicopter involved in an attack on a rebel column apparently retreating from Berlin, was wounded in the leg Wednesday afternoon, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said here. The spokesman, who asked anonymity for diplomatic reasons, said staff Sgt. Thomas J. Stanley, 25, was shot near the Cuscatlan Bridge, but was recovering in good condition at a San Salvador hospital. "We got a guy nicked," the spokesman. Stanley is the first of 55 American non-combat military advisers wounded since they were stationed here in early 1981.

At least two government soldiers were reported killed along with 60 guerrillas in the 24-hour period ending Thursday. Nine more persons were reported wounded, including Stanley. A Western observer here called the action by government troops in Berlin, a vital agricultural center, "a walk in the sun." "They killed some guerrillas, took some casualties, but in the way of lasting benefit, there was none," said the observer, who spoke on condition he not be named. The clandestine Radio Venceremos claimed in a broadcast the rebels "fulfilled

Sakharov's health said degenerating

HAMBURG, Feb. 4 (AP) — Nobel Prize winning author Heinrich Boll says Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov's health is degenerating because of his continued exile in the city of Gbiry.

In an interview with West German television Wednesday, Boll said he has written to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov to express his concern for Sakharov's health. Boll said the letter was delivered to Andropov by Hans-Jochen Vogel during a visit to Moscow last month. Vogel is the Social Democrat's candidate for chancellor in West Germany's March 6 national elections.

The 1972 Nobel Prize winner for literature said after he sent the letter, he received word from Moscow that Sakharov is receiving medical assistance. He did not elaborate, nor did he say how he received information on Sakharov's health. Boll described Sakharov's banishment in Gorky as tantamount to suffering under "permanent torture."

Sakharov, the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, has suffered from heart troubles for the past three years, Boll said. The two men have been personal friends for years.

their political and military objectives, and the forces that held victoriously the city of Berlin for several days have retreated."

Relief agency workers said 40 civilians were killed in the fighting there this week, along with 10 soldiers and one slain guerrilla and one wounded. The army gave no casualty figures.

Col. Jaime Flores, who commanded the operation, said about 1,600 troops entered the city, 112-kms east of the capital, just before dawn, then doubled south to retake the small towns of San Agustin and San Francisco Javier. The troops had been pulled out of northeastern Morazan Province, near the Honduran border, where heavy fighting has been going on for almost three weeks.

Col. Domingo Monterrosa, commander of the U.S.-trained battalion that took part in the action, said the guerrillas were retreating eastward into La Union Province, toward the Honduran border. A nurse attending the wounded in Berlin said 40 residents apparently decided to join the rebels and left with them when they pulled out. Dozens of refugees were seen walking back home from Mercedes Umana, Santiago de Maria and other neighboring towns where they had fled.

Stanley was checking out faulty communication equipment on the helicopter when it was hit by ground fire while approaching a guerrilla roadblock near the bridge, spokesmen said. Western military observers said government troops reportedly killed 60 guerrillas Wednesday in an attack eight kms south of a bridge near Berlin. A-37 Dragonfly fighter plane strafed the column while troops ferried in by helicopter attacked it, he said.

The American advisers are part of a \$320 million economic and military aid program the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan initiated last year to help the conservative government, with another \$236 million promised for this year.

Human rights sources say more than 42,000 persons have been killed here, mostly civilians, in the state-mandated three-year-old war, including 1,200 government troops last year. Another 2,800 soldiers were wounded. Government troops claimed they killed or wounded some 75 rebels in a series of attacks and counterattacks in Morazan since Jan. 17, while other sources said they suffered a similar number of casualties. The operation there appeared to be winding down Thursday.

Early Thursday, guerrillas overran La Reina, a small town 83 km north of the capital, and machine-gunned a bus 24 km north of San Salvador, killing a national guard sergeant and wounding four passengers. Col. Maximiliano Leiva, a local commander, said the



NIGERIAN FIRE: The 37-story Nigerian Telecommunications building which was ablaze last week. Two women died in the fire which cut Nigeria's communications with the rest of the world. Twenty persons have been indicted in this connection.

Nepal wants to be zone of peace

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (AFP) — Nepal Friday reiterated its call for declaring its territory a zone of peace and joined India in reaffirming its commitment to the nonaligned movement.

Speaking at a dinner hosted by Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, visiting Nepalese Prime Minister Surya Bahadur Thapa said his country wished to see "stable peace within her territory, in the region and the entire world. This urge was only an extension of its commitment to nonalignment," Thapa added.

Thapa also expressed Nepal's appreciation for the generous cooperation India had extended to its economic development.

Speaking at the dinner, Mrs. Gandhi called for joint efforts to make optimum use of their common water resources. She said she was confident that Thapa's

visit would pave the way for better water management and increased economic cooperation.

The 66-year-old Indian leader, who will head the nonaligned movement after the Delhi summit scheduled to start on March 7, also expressed confidence that India would have its Himalayan neighbor's full cooperation in strengthening the unity of the movement and in "facing the forces of destabilization."

The two prime ministers had earlier held hour-long talks on bilateral matters and the international situation. Thapa, who arrived here on a three-day visit as part of a five-nation tour, was given a warm reception at Delhi airport by Mrs. Gandhi. Foreign Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao high officials and diplomats.

Nicaragua army traps anti-Sandinista invaders

PUERTO CABEZAS, Nicaragua, Feb. 4 (AP) — Government forces have trapped anti-Sandinista invaders along Nicaragua's Atlantic coast, and five soldiers and 23 insurgents have been killed in the fighting so far, a Defense Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Capt. Roberto Sanchez, the spokesman, said more than 120 "counterrevolutionaries" used boats to invade Nicaragua Saturday from Honduran territory in an attempt to take the village of Bismona. "However, we managed to sink two boats, and a helicopter that also attempted to land in Bismona was driven off by members of the Sandinista Army," he said.

Bismona is some 46 kms north of this Atlantic coast port near the Honduran border where about 4,900 U.S. and Honduran troops began six days of joint maneuvers

Tuesday. Sanchez said journalists could not go to Bismona because the combat continues. "At this time, I inform you that the counter-revolutionaries are trying to return to Honduras but are trapped," he said.

Nicaragua's five northern provinces were put into a military emergency zone last fall because of the repeated incursions of the anti-Sandinista bands. Officials charge the bands have the support of Honduras and the United States.

Many of the insurgents are former guardsmen loyal to the late Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza, toppled by the Sandinista revolution in July 1979. About 30,000 persons held a vigil outside the U.S. Embassy in Managua, the Nicaraguan capital 450 kms southwest of here, on Wednesday to protest the maneuvers that reach within 16 kms of the Nicaraguan border.

Testifies before panel

Adelman says N-war will escalate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — Kenneth L. Adelman, apologizing for being "overly cautious" in earlier testimony, sought Thursday to reassure the Senate Foreign Relations Committee he had thought through such issues as whether a nuclear war was winnable.

Adelman, 36, has been nominated to head the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. But in testimony last week he appeared to jeopardize his nomination by saying he hadn't thought about many of the questions being put to him. In Thursday's testimony, he had answers. He said a nuclear war, even if limited at the outset, would spread because "pressures would be toward escalation." Previously, he said he hadn't thought about it.

On whether the United States or the Soviet Union could survive a major nuclear war, Adelman said, "No... It would change the fundamental nature of the world, the fundamental nature of human life. It would be such a cataclysmic event that it would be horrendous."

"There would be no winners in a nuclear war," he said, although he declined to explicitly say that the United States couldn't "prevail" in such a conflict. Committee Chairman Charles Percy had said he wouldn't call a vote on Adelman's nomination until the administration had submitted the treaties with its recommendation. He didn't indicate whether the administration will recommend approval or disapproval, however.

The administration has said it wants to renegotiate the two, the test ban treaty of 1974 and the peaceful nuclear explosions treaty of 1976, to make compliance more verifiable. The treaties, which prohibit test explosions of more than 150 kilotons, were negotiated with the Soviet Union during the Nixon and Ford administrations.

Although it was clear Adelman has improved his standing in front of the committee enormously, several Democratic Senators indicated they would, or probably would, vote against him. Adelman, who has been deputy U.S. representative at the United Nations, would succeed Eugene V. Rostow, who was forced to resign. Rostow turned down an invitation to testify alongside Adelman.

Rejection of the Adelman nomination would be a setback for the administration that could further call into question its commitment to arms control, especially in view of Rostow's fate. Adelman told the committee he was "troubled by the impression created in last week's testimony that I am somehow unfamiliar with the issues... I was overly cautious last week."

Adelman said he was told later — he didn't say by whom — that he was "too timid" and should be "more myself."

Filipino officials

agree to salary cut

MANILA, Feb. 4 (AFP) — The entire Philippines cabinet and corps of generals as well as top executives of state corporations and financial institutions have agreed to a 10 percent cut in their salaries on Thursday, a presidential palace spokesman said.

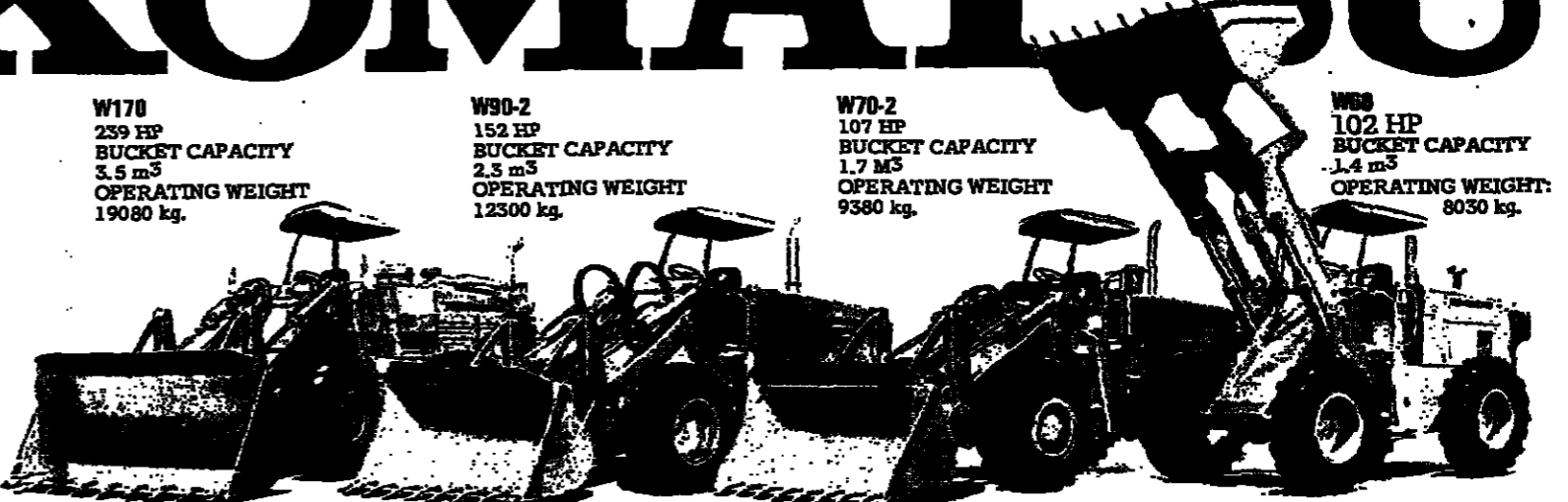
But a National Assembly opposition member complained that it was not enough and proposed that all top officials—including the president, justices and legislators like himself — slash their salaries by half.

President Ferdinand Marcos issued a call last Sunday for voluntary salary reductions as a form of "sacrifice" by his key officials to dramatize the country's economic difficulties this year.

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To one aircraft carrier

U.S. trims Mediterranean fleet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — The U.S. Navy has cut back to a single aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean for the first time since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last June, it was learned Thursday.

The carrier *America* left the Mediterranean through the Suez Canal earlier this week and is now cruising in the Indian Ocean, said Pentagon officials. That leaves the nuclear-powered *Nimitz* as the sole U.S. carrier with the 6th Fleet. The *Nimitz* was last reported south of Cyprus in position to support the U.S. Marine peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

Both the United States and the Soviet

Union reinforced their fleets in the Mediterranean last summer after the Israeli drive into Lebanon caused a new Mideast crisis.

Traditionally, both the United States and the Soviet Union increase their naval power in the Mediterranean whenever the Arab-Israeli feud heats up. At its peak, U.S. naval power in the Mediterranean reached a total of 52 ships last June while the Soviet Navy raised its presence to 34 vessels.

Pentagon officials said, in response to questions, that both the Soviet and U.S. navies have now returned to normal levels of

N. Korea wants war games to stop

PANMUNJOM, Feb. 4 (AP) — With its armed forces already on a "semi-war" alert, North Korea Thursday demanded an immediate halt to a massive military exercise by U.S. and South Korean forces.

The United Nations command responded by declaring the defensive exercise will go on as scheduled, and invited representatives of the Communist side to enter the south to observe the training. The invitation was rejected.

North Korea radio broadcasts Tuesday said armed forces in the Communist North had been put on a "state of semi-war" status because of the official start that day of "Team Spirit '83," the exercise that this year involves about 188,000 South Korean and American military personnel.

At the meeting of the Korean Military

Armistice Commission in this truce village Thursday the North Korean-Chinese side called for an "immediate and unconditional stop" of the exercise, and warned that it could turn into "a real war at any moment."

U.S. Rear Adm. James G. Storms III, chief U.N. command delegate to the commission, said the "defensive exercise will continue as scheduled," and termed the North Korean charge "false and distorted propaganda" aimed at heightening tension on the Korean peninsula.

The chief Communist delegate, North Korean Army Maj. Gen. Han Ju-Kyung, immediately turned down the invitation to send observers to the maneuvers, describing it as a move by the U.N. command to hide the "aggressive" nature of the exercise.

On prisoners in Vietnam

U.S. reviews rescue bid data

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 4 (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department is reviewing information about a private incursion into Laos last fall to rescue American prisoners of war on a mission reportedly funded by film stars and others.

The FBI said Monday it had closed an investigation into the project in January when the justice department failed to prosecute. But Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex Williams said federal prosecutors are re-examining the case because of new information about former Green Beret Lt. Col. James G. "Bo" Gritz, who admitted in a newspaper interview Monday that he led a raid in Laos on Nov. 27.

U.S. Defense Department spokesman Maj. Bob Shields said in Washington that the Pentagon had been aware of the failed mission and had tried to dissuade the would-be

America blames U.K. cutbacks for Falklands War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — Britain's "false economies" of defense cutbacks invited Argentina to invade the Falklands, but superior troops and military intelligence enabled the British to retake the islands, U.S. Navy Secretary John F. Lehman said Thursday.

"The Falklands battle has to be seen as a failure of deterrence," Lehman told a congressional panel in assessing the lessons learned from the 74-day conflict in the South Atlantic last year.

He said an extensive analysis of the war proved that the U.S. Navy was right to stress emphasis on large ships, such as heavily armored battleships and aircraft carriers, and to reject a shift to smaller, lighter vessels. "There is nothing more expensive than the outbreak of a war, and by unwise cuts we tempt perception of our adversaries to engage in war," Lehman said.

rescuers, warning that the raid was illegal. "We told him, we can't support you, cannot provide you intelligence because that would be condoning and assisting," Shields said.

Since the Vietnam War, the government in Hanoi has returned 591 American prisoners, but 2,494 other servicemen remain unaccounted for. U.S. officials believe most are dead, despite rumors since the end of the war that some were being held in Southeast Asia.

Meanwhile, *The Los Angeles Times* said Gritz has already embarked on another mission and quoted one unidentified friend of Gritz on Tuesday as saying that if anyone wanted to stop him, "they're too late." He wouldn't say where Gritz had gone.

Gritz's November mission used money that Paramount television actor William Shatner, who played Capt. Kirk in *Star Trek* movies and TV shows, had paid for his life story, according to ex-Green Beret Charles Patterson, 37, who says he went along on the mission. About 1,000 parties, including "little old ladies in tennis shoes" and Litton Industries, also donated to the venture to rescue American servicemen, believed still held captive, Patterson said Monday.

Shatner confirmed Monday that he had given Gritz \$10,000 of Paramount's money about three months ago as a payment for the rights to a movie about the former Green Beret's life. "What he was going to do with the money was none of my business," Shatner said.

The rescue mission was aborted when the Communist forces were tipped off and ambushed the rescue party with mortars and automatic fire, chasing them out of Laos, Patterson said in a telephone interview. He said team members spent three harrowing days pursued by Communist Laotian soldiers as they raced through the jungles to the Mekong River, which forms the boundary between Laos and Thailand.

Patterson said two actors gave money but would not confirm Monday's *Los Angeles Times* report saying they were Shatner and Clint Eastwood.

recent years, with the Soviet Navy totaling 32 ships and the U.S. 6th Fleet numbering 30 vessels in those waters. In his annual statement to Congress this week, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger reported that, under what he described as a new plan, the United States will reduce its presence in the Indian Ocean to one aircraft carrier battle group.

This served to confirm officially what is known to have been the case since last June. Previously, starting with the overthrow of the Shah of Iran and the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan in 1979, the U.S. navy had kept two carriers in position off the strategic Gulf. Then in 1981, largely because the navy's fleet resources had been stretched thin, the United States scaled down its presence in the Indian Ocean by sending carrier into those waters only occasionally.

Even with the reduction of the U.S. navy force by one carrier in the Indian Ocean, the United States still maintains more than twice as many naval vessels in that vast and key region. According to the Pentagon, the U.S. fleet in the Indian Ocean now numbers 35 ships while the Soviet force totals only 14.

In his annual report, Weinberger said the scale-down of the U.S. carrier forces in the Indian Ocean was part of a "new plan for forward deployments of carrier battle groups." This adjustment, as he termed it, "provides opportunities for... increased operations in areas where carriers have seldom operated in the past, such as the Caribbean, Sea of Japan and the Northwest Pacific."

Weinberger also said the new plan "reduces the predictability of our carrier deployments and provides the flexibility to increased presence in areas of potential crisis, should circumstances require."

FBI gives top priority for terror probe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (R) — FBI Director William Webster told Congress Thursday that he was making the battle against terrorism a top priority for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1983.

"I have instructed that terrorism investigations be elevated to a national priority program within the FBI," he told a Senate Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism.

Webster released the bureau's annual report on terrorism, which he said contained vicious and seemingly random acts by Puerto Rican, Croatian, Armenian, and other groups in the United States.

Seven persons died and many are injured in bombings, shootings and other incidents last year compared with only one death and four injuries in 42 terrorist incidents in 1981, according to the report. Webster said he had placed anti-terrorism activity on a par with foreign counterintelligence and the battle against organized crime as prime FBI objectives.

He said the FBI was training a crack 25-agent "hostage rescue squad" to handle any situation which might result in the taking of hostages by terrorists. Officials said it would be based in Washington ready to fly anywhere in the U.S. at a moment's notice.

Czech playwright ill

VIENNA, Feb. 4 (R) — Imprisoned Czechoslovak playwright Václav Havel is seriously ill with pneumonia and has been transferred in manacles to a prison hospital in Prague, emigre sources in Vienna said Thursday.

In submarine hunt

Swedish divers discover imprints, robot-type vessel

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 4 (AP) — Navy divers searching a bay in Stockholm's southern archipelago have discovered imprints of crawling treads on the seabed, a Stockholm business newspaper said Friday.

The imprints were discovered on the seabed of Hors Bay, the scene of a dramatic but fruitless submarine hunt last October. The imprints have been video-taped and the tapes are currently being analyzed by navy experts, said the newspaper, *Dagens Industri*.

The navy has also found a five-meter-long propeller-driven "robot-type" vessel in Hors Bay, just outside Musko, Sweden's main naval base, the paper said quoting a well-placed military source. The report did not say when the imprints and the robot were discovered.

According to *Dagens Industri*, Sweden's defense staff had an urgent meeting Thursday night with Vice Admiral Per Rudberg, commander-in-chief of the navy, after reports of the findings had leaked to the press. Navy spokesman Com. Sven Carlsson was quoted by the paper as saying he could not confirm the imprint report but added that "it is now certain that conventional submarines — more than one — have been in Hors Bay."

"But we cannot rule out that there also was some other sort of vessel in the bay," he was quoted as saying. "As far as I know, different types of imprints have been found on the seabed and that there has been more than just one conventional submarine there," he added. "We had an early indication that there could have been some other sort of vessel in the bay when we didn't get any reaction what-

soever to the depth charges." Carlsson was quoted as saying.

He added that he could neither confirm nor deny the report of the robot, "because I don't know." Tons of depth charges were used against Soviet and other contacts after military personnel spotted what was said to be a periscope on the doorstep of the top-secret Musko naval base in Hors Bay Oct. 1. The defense staff has said that definitely one, probably two, alien submarines navigated Hors Bay and adjacent Mysing Bay, 3 kilometers south of the capital, at the time. There was much speculation that the suspected submarines were Soviet or from the Soviet bloc.

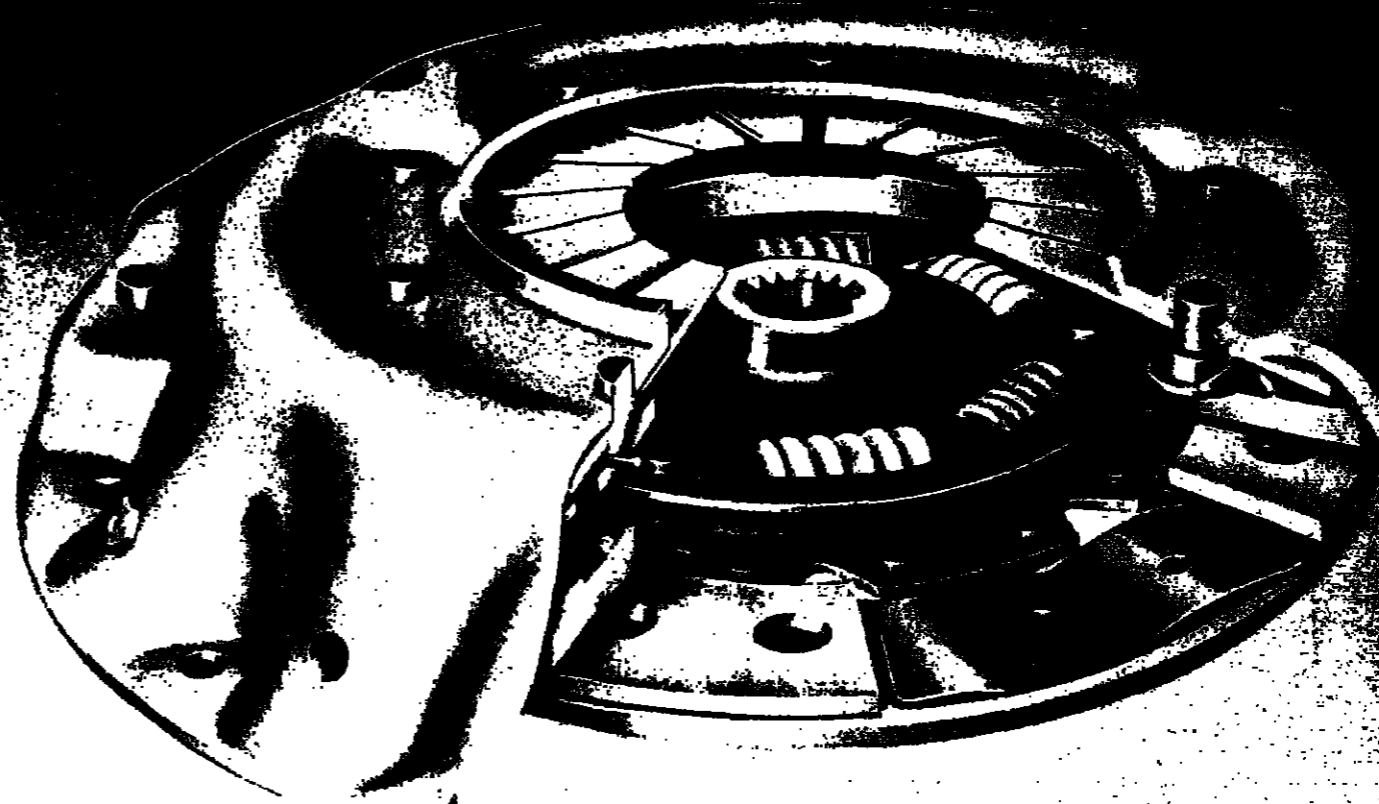
A number of depth charges were dropped during the following 15 days and four mines were exploded in Mysing Bay.

India sees near-panic in S. African regime

NEW DEHLY, Feb. 4 (AP) — India has noticed near-panic recently within the white minority regime in South Africa, External Affairs Minister P. V. N. Rao said here Thursday after a dinner honoring the head of the South West African People's Organization. "We have noted a real evidence of desperation at times bordering on panic, on the part of the regime in South Africa," Rao said in his speech at the dinner for SWAPO President Sam Nujoma. "There is a pointer to the inner weakness and a realization slowly seeping into their minds that the tide of time is getting on their side in South Africa," Rao added.

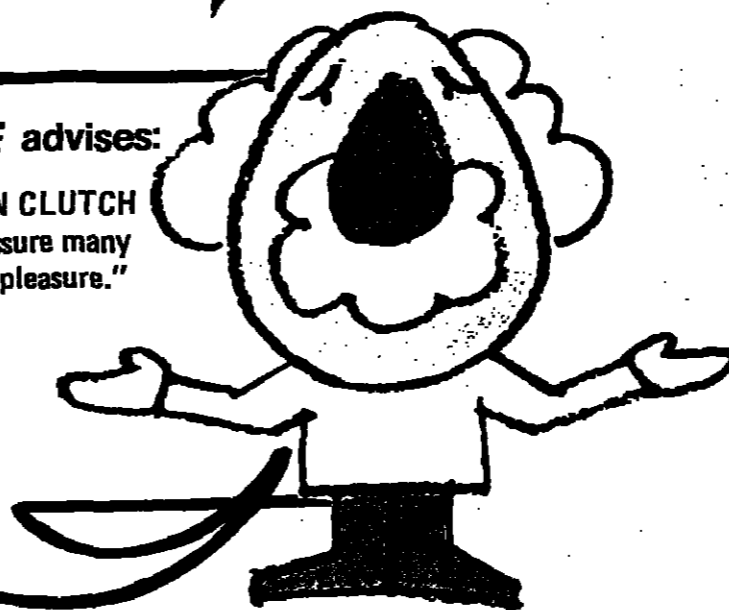
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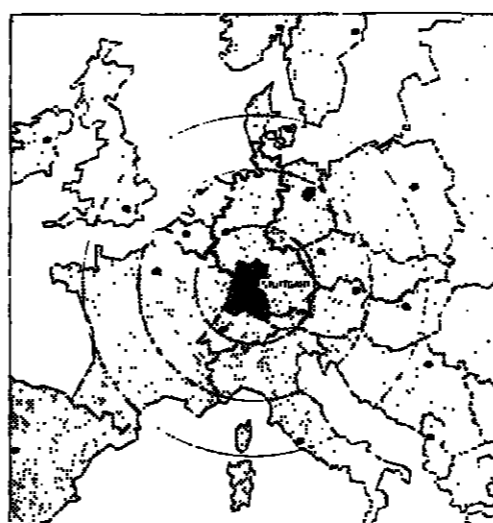
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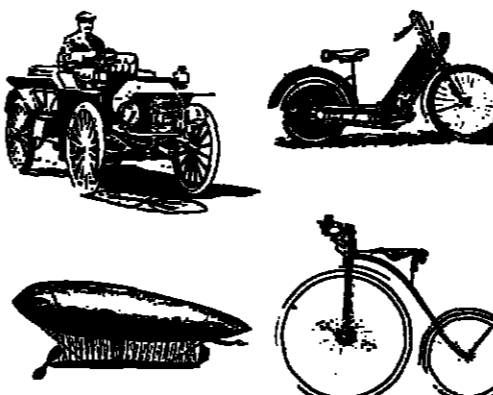
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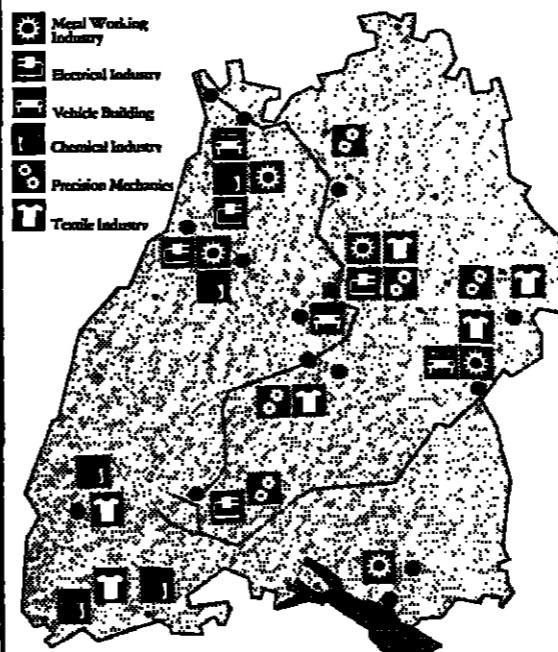
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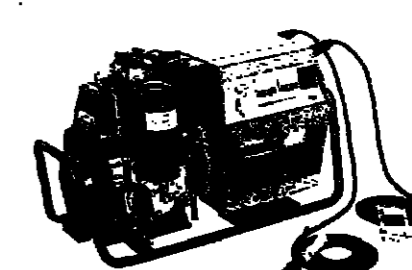
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With English in limelight

Nuggets' dazzling burst blinds Hawks

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP)—The Denver Nuggets wanted to make up for their loss to the lowly Houston Rockets—and what better way than to take it out on the Atlanta Hawks?

"We really wanted to win this one after last night in Houston," Denver's Alex English said after scoring 36 points in the Nuggets' 126-112 National Basketball Association victory over Atlanta Thursday night.

The Nuggets were beaten 135-128 Wednesday night by the Rockets, who at 9-37 were tied for the worst record in the NBA. They broke open a close game with Atlanta in the fourth period.

"In the fourth quarter, I felt we had more left than the Hawks did," English said. "Our offense was clicking. We were hitting our shots. Our offense has been erratic, but this was one of our better nights."

As far as Denver coach Doug Moe was concerned, the performance was "Our best offensive game in some time. On this road

games for San Diego, boosting the Clippers' record to 15-33. The Clippers played without center Bill Walton, who sat out the game because physicians advised him not to play three games in as many nights. Walton returned to action this year after missing almost four seasons because of foot problems.

76ers 117, Warriors 110: Julius Erving Scored 33 points as Philadelphia hung on to beat Golden State for its sixth straight triumph.

The Warriors may have lost more than the game. Starters Michael Ray Richardson and Purvis Short were injured in a collision with five minutes to go. Richardson was carried off with a sprained back and Short limped to the dressing room with a sprained ankle.

The 76ers, 40-6, stretched their Atlantic Division lead to four games over idle Boston. The Warriors, fifth in the Pacific Division, lost their seventh straight against the 76ers over the last four years.

Aaron cornered by a judge

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 4 (Agencies)—A juvenile court judge issued a warrant Thursday for the arrest of Aaron Pryor, the World Boxing Association (WBA) junior welterweight champion, for failure to keep up child support payments.

Pryor did not appear at the hearing and his lawyer said he did not know where he was. Pryor, who successfully defended his title on Nov. 12 in Miami when he knocked out Alexis Arguello in the 14th round, was declared \$587.23 in arrears in support payments for a nine-year-old son who lives in Cincinnati with his mother.

Hussein favorite in squash tourney

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 4 — The Jeddah Squash League will hold the Canon Open Squash Tournament at the Albilad Hotel from Feb. 10-18. This year's tournament is being sponsored by Al-Quraishi Leisure Services.

The knockout tournament, which has been the main event of the Jeddah squash calendar for the last four years, will be hosted at the Albilad for the first time. The inaugural event, won by Vic Probert, was held at Armaska courts and the next two, won by Hussein El Noot, was played at Arabian Homes outdoor courts and BRGM respectively.

Hussein, after his successful defense of his title last year, once again starts favorite at the three glassbacked courts of Albilad.



TROTTOING TO FAME: French horse Ideal du Gazeau is seen arriving at the start of the Prix D'Amerique race at the Vincennes race track, Paris, last Sunday. The favorite did not disappoint his followers as he trotted to fame by winning the 58th edition of the race. He had also won the 1981 race.

Wallace stops Muchoki with late flurry

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AFP)—English boxer Keith Wallace became flyweight champion of the Commonwealth in only his ninth professional fight Thursday night when he stopped Stephen Muchoki of Kenya in nine rounds at the Bloomsbury Center Hotel here.

Wallace, a fiery red head from Prescott, Lancashire, lived up to his advance publicity to become a worthy addition to a long line of great British flyweights.

Wallace took the Copenhagen-based Muchoki to pieces in the closing stages of a fight which swung dramatically after being balanced on a knife edge at the halfway stage of the scheduled 15 rounds. Wallace, a distinguished amateur, turned professional to escape the Merseyside dole queues.

He had his first professional fight less than

a year ago and now, if things work out for him, he should be boxing for the World Boxing Association (WBA) world title next time out. His manager, Frank Warren, claims to have an arrangement with the champion — Santos Laci of Argentina, who may, however, be a little less interested when he hears the result of the fight.

Muchoki, a former world amateur champion, fought Laci for the WBA title only three months ago and went thirteen rounds before being stopped. Muchoki boxed with great skill but lacked the solid hitting power of Wallace, who took one round to sum the champion up before setting about him to take command in the second.

Yet, there were anxious moments for the Briton as the Kenyan, exercising all his skill,

came back from taking punishment to win the fifth and sixth rounds, catching the challenger two-handed and giving plenty of trouble.

At this point, the question of possible weight trouble arose: for Wallace had needed three attempts to make 112 pounds, and the shine had definitely been rubbed off his boxing. The African's confidence rose and he had reached the middle of the eighth round just about all square: when Wallace suddenly found the punch he had been looking for.

A right upper cut, the first he threw, had Muchoki sagging into the ropes and the champion then endured punishment almost continuously to the end of round eight, surviving with great difficulty.

Another upper cut at the start of round nine spread-eagled Muchoki's defense and then another right dramatically drained the rest of his resistance. Muchoki staggered into a corner and Wallace's punches rained in unchallenged until, after 42 seconds, referee Mike Jacobs brought it to a timely end.

Muchoki was certainly helpless when the fight was stopped but made an amazing recovery and almost before Wallace had been proclaimed the champion, the Kenyan was trying to fight the referee.

However, it was then too late to fight anyone. Wallace was the new champion and a brilliant one. The possibility of a match also with another English world challenger, Charlie Magri, later this year, will make a lot of boxing mouths water.

Wallace said later: "I have been practising upper cuts all the week because they have always proved effective when I have fought Kenyans before. Muchoki was a brilliant power, but I still outboxed him."

"I was enjoying it and felt really strong and he never hurt me. After the eighth I knew I would stop him and then it all went right." Wallace's manager Frank Warren said: "Keith has really shown his class tonight."

There are 18 events on the international cycling calendar for February, 14 of them in France, but the season will kick off properly

In Bing Crosby Golf

Inman spurts into lead

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 4 (AP) — Joe Inman shot a seven-under-par 65 and was staked to sole control of the first-round lead Thursday when Tom Watson ran afoul of a cypress tree in the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

Fred Couples and Ken Green tied for second with a pair of 66s in the mild weather that produced scarcely a breath of a breeze, a sharp contrast to the gales that often howl in from Carmel Bay.

Watson, a two-time winner of this event who also captured the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach last year, was tied with Dr. Gil Morgan, the non-practicing optometrist who won the first two events of the 1983 season. Morgan, like Watson, played his first round at Cypress Point.

Couples also was at Cypress Point. Green played Spyglass, generally regarded as the most difficult of the three courses, while Inman finished off his 65 at Pebble Beach with a 30 on his back nine.

The format calls for the 168 pros, each with an amateur partner, to play one round on each of three rain-soaked Monterey Peninsula courses before the field is cut for

Sunday's final round at Pebble Beach.

The group at 68, four-under-par, included Australian Open champion Bob Shearer, Cal Peete, Bruce Lietzke, John Fought, Ron Commans, Lindy Miller, Donnie Hammond and Keith Fergus, winner of the Bob Hope Classic two weeks ago.

Lietzke finished with birdies on his last four holes at Cypress Point. Peete and Fergus played the same course. Shearer, Hammond, Miller and Commans were at Pebble Beach, Fought at Spyglass.

Rex Caldwell, a playoff loser in his last two starts, recorded his 14th consecutive round at par of better, a 69 at Spyglass. Jack Nicklaus shot 71, one-under-par, at Cypress Point.

Watson, who last season clinched his fifth player of the year award when he swept both the American and British Open titles, 2-paired for birdie on the two par-3s, and dropped a 25-footer for an eagle on another.

He holed three other birdie putts from the 8-12 foot range and seemed to be headed for the lead when he pulled his tee shot on the 18th. He tried to play a 9-iron over the towering Cypress tree. But the ball disappeared into the leaves and branches and didn't come down.

He played his fourth over the big tree — which still held his ball — but rattled around in some other trees and dropped short of the green," he said. He chipped close and one-punted for the 6.

Inman, who scored the lone victory of his 10-year tour career in the 1976 Kemper Open, played his first nine holes one-under-par, then one-punted eight times over the back nine.

The course remained saturated from a series of storms that punished the California coast last week and players were allowed to lift, clean and replace balls in the fairway.

Rookie Peterson begins brightly

NORTH MIAMI BEACH, Florida, Feb. 4 (AP) — Rookie Lani Peterson fired a three-under-par 69 Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over three golfers after the opening round of the \$150,000 Elizabeth Arden Golf Classic.

Peterson battled high winds on the back 72, 6,211-yard, Turnberry Isle Country Club course, to assume the lead over Debbie Massey, Janet Coles and France's Anne-Marie Palli. Defending champion Jo Anne Camner and Pat Bradley were among six players tied at even-par 72.

Massey, the 1977 Ladies Professional Golf Association rookie of the year and two-time tour winner, was hampered last season because of a back problem that limited her to only 16 tournaments.

Coles, who ranked 21st on the money earnings list last season, and Palli, who dominated the LPGA mini-tour in 1982, were also happy about their opening round in the second tournament of the 1983 season.

Palli, selected mini-tour player of the year after winning nine of 24 events, said the opportunity to compete on the main tour fulfilled a dream.

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On a day of surprises

Wilander, Mayer fall by wayside

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania, Feb. 4 (AP) — Three top seeds in the \$375,000 U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Championships — Sweden's Mats Wilander and Americans Gene Mayer and Steve Denton — were upset Thursday, while American John McEnroe continued his march toward a successful defense of his title.

McEnroe, the top seed, advanced to the quarterfinal round with a 7-6, 6-2 victory over Mike DePalmer of the United States at the Spectrum. Also advancing was the No. 2 seed, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, who swept past Henri Leconte of France 6-4, 6-2.

Wilander, the third seed, fell to Bill Scanlon 6-4, 2-6, 6-2, and Mayer, the fourth seed, lost to No. 16 Tim Mayotte 6-4, 4-6, 6-1. Brian Gottfried, No. 11 seed, eliminated Denton, the sixth seed, by an 8-6, 2-6, 7-6 score. Björn Borg, a crowd favorite who is attempting a comeback after cancer surgery and chemotherapy last year, lost to 12th-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland 6-2, 6-1.

In doubles, the team of Fillo and American Stan Smith beat Lois Courteau of France and American Rick Meyer 6-2, 6-7, (9-7), 6-2.

In Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, top-seeded Chris Evert Lloyd struggled to a 3-6, 6-0, 6-0 victory over South Africa's Yvonne Vermaak and moved into the quarterfinals of the \$150,000 Murjani Cup Tournament.

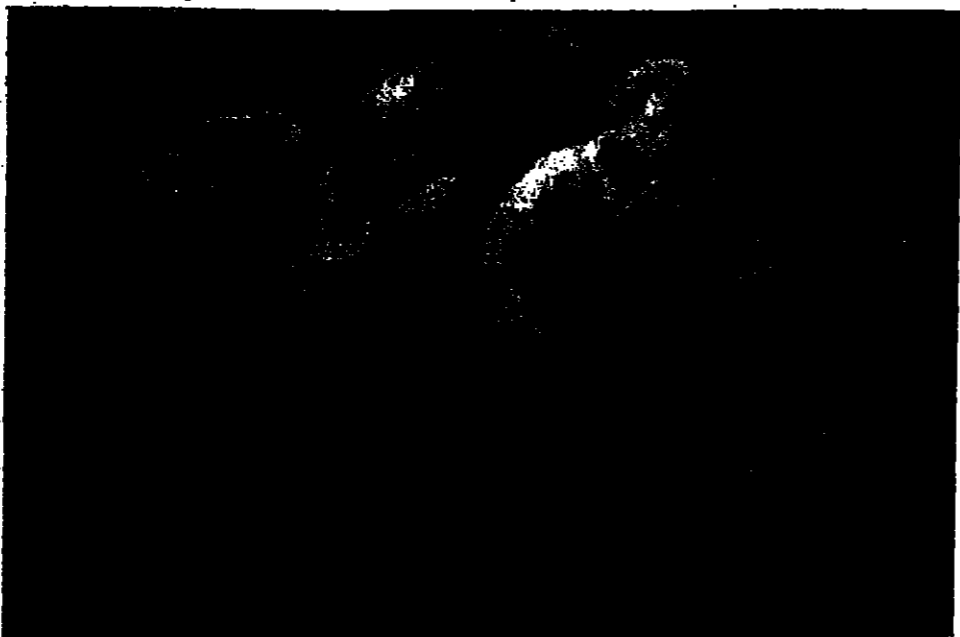
Lloyd, the world's No. 2 ranked woman player, lost her service twice in the first set, but rallied to regain her form and dominated the last two sets. Earlier, Andrea Temesvari of Hungary upset seventh-seeded Kathy Rinaldi 6-3, 7-6 to reach the quarterfinals.

In other matches, second-seeded Andrea Jaeger defeated Paula Smith 6-1, 6-1. Australia's Wendy Turnbull, the No. 3 seed,

best No. 10 Andrea Leand 6-1, 6-1, and fourth-seeded Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia turned back Jenny Klitch (USA) 6-2, 6-3.

Temesvari, a 16-year-old who has climbed from No. 146 to No. 27 on the women's world computer ranking list in the past year, took command of Rinaldi midway through the opening set and went on to win the last four games of the first set and the first three of the second.

Rinaldi rallied to a 6-5 advantage, but Temesvari broke service to force a tiebreaker. Temesvari held double match point in the tiebreaker at 6-4 and then had to fight off three set points by Rinaldi before nailing down the victory match with a sharp volley placement.



GEARS UP: The French rugby team gears up for the Saturday clash with Scotland in the Five Nations Tournament. French captain Jean-Pierre Rives second from right, is seen being tackled by teammate Robert Paparemborde in a training session at the Clairefontaine Stadium. Others in picture, from left, are Pierre Berbizier, Jean-Luc Joliet and Jean Condom.

Mohinder hits ton in drawn Test

KARACHI, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Pakistan and India drew the sixth and final cricket Test here Friday with Indian batsman Mohinder Amarnath providing the only highlight of the last day's play by scoring his third hundred of the series.

Pakistan, who won the series 3-0, declared at their overnight score of 428 for six, at first innings lead of 27, and at the close of play were 224 for two in their second innings, with Amarnath 103 not out.

The match was marred by Thursday's crowd disturbance which caused play to be abandoned in mid-afternoon. It was an unfortunate repetition of similar incidents during Australia's visit here last year. Amarnath's fine innings was an ironical climax to a series which was otherwise dominated by a string of outstanding Pakistani performances, notably from batsmen Mudassar Nazar, who scored four hundreds including three in a row, Zaheer Abbas and Javed Miandad and fast bowler Imran Khan.

India's batting was quite unable to match the consistency of Pakistan's and their bowling was once again far too reliant on the ever-willing Kapil Dev. With no one to support Kapil, the Indian attack struggled in vain to keep Pakistan's batsmen on a tight rein.

Score-board	
India last innings	393 runs for 8 decd.
Pakistan (last innings)	428 runs for 6 decd.
India (first innings)	67
S. Gavaskar b Imran	17
R. Shastri c Basu b Imran	103
M. Azharuddin not out	19
V. Sharma not out	224
Extras (for 2 wks)	224
Fall of wickets	43, 2-150
Bowling: Imran 16-5-44-2; Sarfraz 14-4-45-0; Qadir 14-2-42-0; Nadeem 8-1-28-0; Raja 5-12-10-0; Abbas 6-2-24-0; Mohi 1-0-3-0; Miandad 2-0-11-0.	

MCC to stay firm on S.Africa

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AP) — The Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) will not be recommending that an England cricket team should make an official tour of south Africa. MCC secretary Jack Bailey said Friday.

A number of MCC members, some of whom belong to the Freedom in Sport group, this week put forward a resolution that "normal cricket relations" be resumed with the South Africans, who have been outlawed for 13 years because of their government's apartheid policies.

John Carlisle, a Conservative member of parliament, led a delegation from Freedom in Sport which met Thursday with a five-man MCC committee.

Carlisle said afterward: "We are confident the majority of MCC members would vote for a tour of South Africa, reflecting public opinion." The MCC committee will meet later this month to discuss the issue, but Bailey said: "There is absolutely no possibility of the committee recommending such a tour."

Bailey added: "It must be emphasized that

Turner out to erase WACA bogey

PERTH, Australia, Feb. 4 (AP) — Glenn Turner, New Zealand's master batsmen, is on a special mission when he plays his Benson and Hedges Cup matches at the WACA ground on Saturday and Sunday.

The 35-year-old Turner is one of only three non-English batsmen in history to have scored 100 first class centuries, yet Perth fans have seen him only as a failure. The slightly built Turner, a single-minded collector of runs, has a strong ambition to prove himself at the WACA ground.

He first appeared on the ground in a three-day match for New Zealand against West Australia in January 1971. He opened the innings and was out for eight, caught by Tony Lock off the bowling of Bob Massie. His only other appearance in Perth was when New Zealand met West Australia in a four-day game in January 1974.

Graham McKenzie proved his bogey and dismissed him for scores of 19 and four.

the MCC, the body responsible for overseeing the International Cricket Conference, has a deep-rooted responsibility to cricketers all over the world. Any action we take must be seen against this background."

The MCC's no longer has the authority to name an England Test side, but still could send a first-class England team to South Africa.

The committee seem certain to reject Carlisle's proposal, but he then is expected to call for a ballot of the 18,000 members of the MCC. If more than two-thirds of the members were in favor of a team touring South Africa the committee, then would be faced with a dilemma.

Unofficial teams from both England and Sri Lanka have toured South Africa recently.

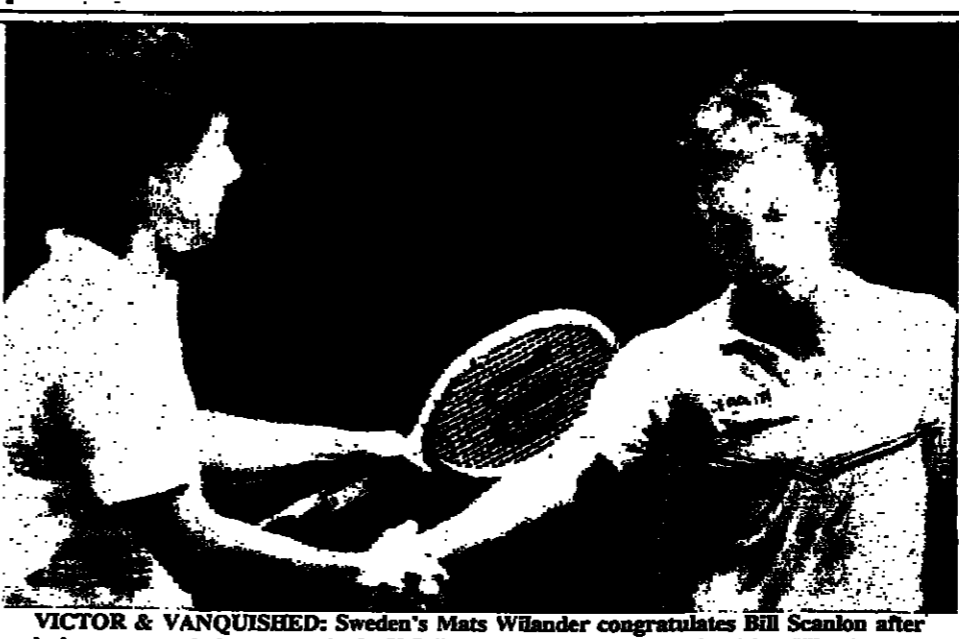
A West Indies squad currently is touring that country, despite official opposition.

Many cricket administrators, however, feel that because cricket in South Africa now is played on a multiracial plane the South Africans should be readmitted to the Test arena.

Turner's fine innings is one of the main reasons why New Zealand are on top of the Benson and Hedges Cup points table. He has batted seven times, scoring 297 runs at an average of 42.42.

The New Zealand selectors will not announce their side until shortly before the game, but there is a distinct possibility that Turner will open the innings with left-hander John Wright. This would mean that dour left-hand opener Bruce Edgar would be omitted.

England also have not chosen their side, but is expected to remain unchanged from the combination which beat Australia in Adelaide last Monday. The only way — barring exceptional circumstances — Australia can qualify for the \$50,000 three-match finals series is for New Zealand to beat England, and then for Australia to beat New Zealand on Sunday.



VICTOR & VANQUISHED: Sweden's Mats Wilander congratulates Bill Scanlon after losing out a tough three-setter in the U.S. Pro Indoor Tennis Championship. Wilander was one of the three seeds to fall Thursday in Philadelphia.

In Five Nations Rugby

France holds edge over Scotland

PARIS, Feb. 4 (AFP) — France have a golden opportunity to take a clear lead in this year's Five Nations Rugby Union Championship when they take on Scotland in Paris on Saturday, while over in Cardiff England must overcome 20 years of history against Wales if they are to save their season.

The French, true to form, are proving as unpredictable as ever. After a gloomy season last year, they have at last hit on the right blend of flair and force and England paid the price at Twickenham three weeks ago when the French won 19-15.

They are without injured hooker Philippe Dintrens for the Scotland game and injuries to wing forward Laurent Rodriguez and winger Philippe Sella, both of whom passed the fitness test Friday, during the weekend's league games have disrupted their preparations, but Scotland have not won in Paris since 1969 and are still smarting from the 13-15 defeat against Ireland at Murrayfield. The Scottish selectors have once again

had to do without the services of full back Andy Irvine and stand-off John Rutherford because of injuries and have been forced to stand-by an unimpressive second row for lack of competition.

The steady Bryan Gossman is in for Ron Wilson at stand-off. John Beattie makes a welcome comeback at No. 8 for Ian Paxton and the veteran Jim Aitken replaces Gerry McGuinness in the front row to combat the fearsome French.

Scottish coach Colin Telfer is far from defeatist, however. "We were not that far away from getting it right against the Irish. Providing we play up to the standard I know we are capable of, we can win, even in Paris," he said.

In naming their side, the French sprung a surprise by ousting half-backs Gerald Martinez and Didier Camberabero and replacing them with Pierre Berbizier and Christian Delage. Selector Yves Noc explained that Scotland at home represented the best

Tanner tans battling Borg

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee, Feb. 4 (AP) — Roscoe Tanner avenged a loss the previous night by defeating Bjorn Borg 6-2, 4-6, 7-5, 6-4 Thursday night in their second meeting of an exhibition tennis series which is Borg's farewell U.S. tour.

Tanner, a hometown favorite from nearby Lookout Mountain, won \$35,000 for defeating Borg in the Downey Challenge Exhibition. Borg, who announced Jan. 23 that he is retiring from competitive tennis, collected \$15,000 as the loser's share.

Tanner, famed for his 150 mph serve, kept the pressure on his Swedish opponent all night long and captured a tiebreaker to win the crucial third set. The match was briefly delayed when the artificial playing surface split as Borg chased a Tanner return. Borg slipped and landed on his back but was not hurt.

chance for a bit of a risk this year and France had opted to open out.

On the face of it, France look comfortable winners, but the Twickenham win has yet to be confirmed as a pure French renaissance and the French do have a goal-kicking problem. Mercurial full-back Serge Blanco has been given the duties this time, but he is not even the No. 1 kicker for his club side.

In Cardiff, England, like Scotland have injury problems. Lock forward Maurice Colclough, a vital figure in the England pack, is out as are hooker and captain Peter Wheeler and center Clive Woodward. They are replaced reductively by Steve Boyle, Steve Mills and Huw Davies. Despite this, chairman of selectors Budge Rogers insists confidence is high and that England have learned they can smash their Arms Park bad luck.

The bad luck dates back 20 years to the last time England beat Wales in Cardiff—a 13-6 win.

Islanders put Devils to rout

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP) — John Tonelli and Bob Bourne each scored two goals and Mike Bossy had three assists to lead the New York Islanders to a 7-2 National Hockey League victory over the New Jersey Devils Thursday night.

Elsewhere in NHL, Terry Ruskowski and Marcel Dionne both scored twice as the Los Angeles Kings connected for four power-play goals to beat the Edmonton Oilers 7-4 in a penalty-riddled action.

Rick Middleton scored two goals, including the tiebreaker while on penalty-killing duty in the second period, and the Boston Bruins extended their unbeaten streak to 13 games with a 5-3 victory over the Quebec Nordiques.

And, Ted Bulley retrieved a lucky bounce off the boards and scored the tiebreaking goal at 1:40 of the third period as the Washington Capitals defeated the Minnesota North Stars 3-1.

Soccer tid-bits

DUBLIN, (AFP) — Johnny Giles, former Leeds United and Irish midfield maestro, has resigned as manager of Shamrock Rovers, Ireland's best-known club, because he is returning to Canada in March to resume as chief coach of Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American Soccer League.

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — John Bond, one of the best known managers in the English Soccer League Thursday quit his job as boss of Manchester City. His resignation came five days after City's humiliating 4-0 defeat by Brighton in the fourth round of the English Cup.

MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Ian Greaves, the former Bolton, Oxford United and Wolverhampton Wanderers soccer manager, Monday was appointed as manager of English Third Division club Mansfield Town. Greaves succeeds Stuart Boam, who was sacked last week.

Wollek grabs pole position

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, Feb. 4 (AP) — Winning the pole for an endurance race is prestigious, but usually not a key factor once the race gets under way.

That's why Frenchman Bob Wollek was relatively calm after breaking his own track qualifying record Thursday to take the top spot for this weekend's 24-hour Pepsi Challenge Sports Car Endurance Race at Daytona International Speedway.

"A race driver always tries to be the fastest. That's part of his job, the four-time Porsche Cup champion said. "But winning the pole is not important at all for the race."

Wollek pointed out that during the course of 24 hours of racing the only time that starting from the front is an advantage is the first lap. "After that, you get into traffic and that's the most difficult thing about this type of race. There are cars out there that are so much slower (than the top cars)."

The diminutive Frenchman toured Daytona's demanding 3.84-mile (6.1 km) road course. In 1 minute, 42.155 seconds, at 135.324 mph. That broke the record he set last November before the International

Motor Sports Association Camel GT season finale, when he drove an almost identical Porsche Turbo 935 around the course in 1:42.476 (134,900).

This car, sporting a somewhat lower profile than that machine, belongs to American Preston Henn, who will co-drive with Wollek and another Frenchman, Claude Ballot-Lena.

Although more than 50 cars are expected to start the race Saturday, only 10 locked up starting positions in the opening qualifying session. In the top five were Porsche Turbo 935s, the car that has captured six straight 24-hour titles here.

Paul Jr., who combined with his father and German driver Rolf Stommelen to win last year's 24-hour race, was the second-fastest qualifier Thursday, far behind Wollek, though, at 1:46.345 (129,992).

Foyt, the only four-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 and a one-time winner of the 24 hours of Le Mans, France, did not take part in the first qualifying session. The two teamed up earlier this week for the first time. They will drive an Aston-Martin.

Schramm retains skating crown

DORTMUND, West Germany, Feb. 4 (AFP) — West German Norbert Schramm, 22, retained his men's title in the European Figure Skating Championships here Thursday after a breathtaking free skating performance which allowed him to overtake Czech teenager Josef Sabovick.

The much-vaunted 19 year-old Sabovick, who led after short program, could not quite match Schramm's display, finishing fifth in the free skating, and had to settle for the silver medal.

Although Sabovick landed a triple axel, something only a handful of skaters have accomplished in competition, he fell twice when attempting other triples and was surpassed in audacity by another 17-year-old, Alexander Fadeyev of the Soviet Union. The blond Soviet's technical proficiency

matched his daring and he finished just behind Schramm in the free skating to shoot from seventh to clinch the bronze medal. Fadeyev not only succeeded with a triple axel but scaled new peaks by making it just one of an exhilarating series of jumps.

Fourth was another West German, Heiko Fischer. Fifth was the Soviet Union's Vladimir Kotin. France's Jean-Christophe Simond, runner-up in the two previous years, had a poor free skating performance and finished sixth.

The Soviet pair of Natalia Bestemianova and Andrei Bukin are still leading the European Ice Dancing Championships after the short program. In second place are the British skaters Karen Barber and Nicky Slater with another Soviet pair, Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko, holding third position.

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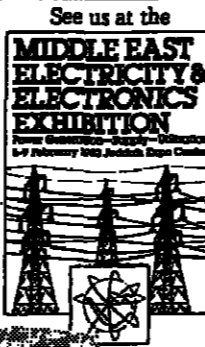
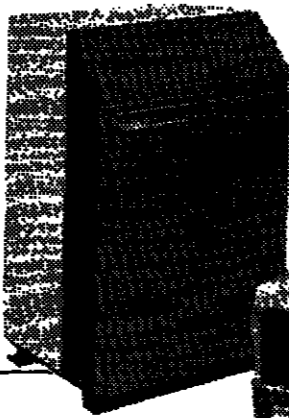
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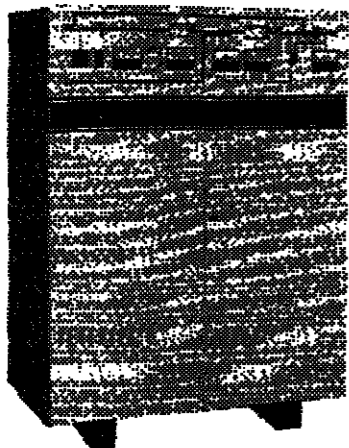
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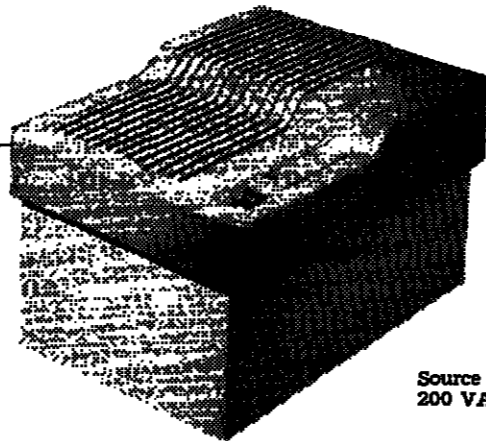


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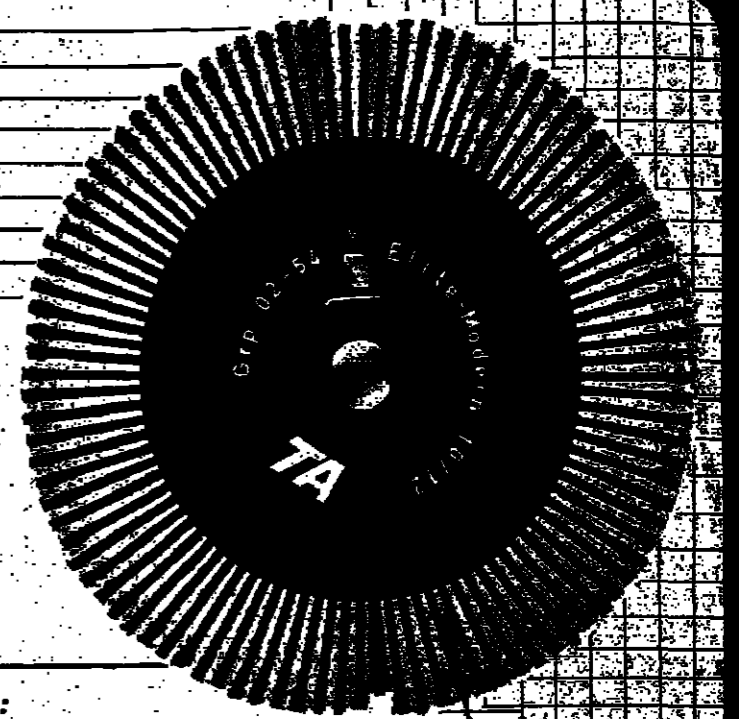
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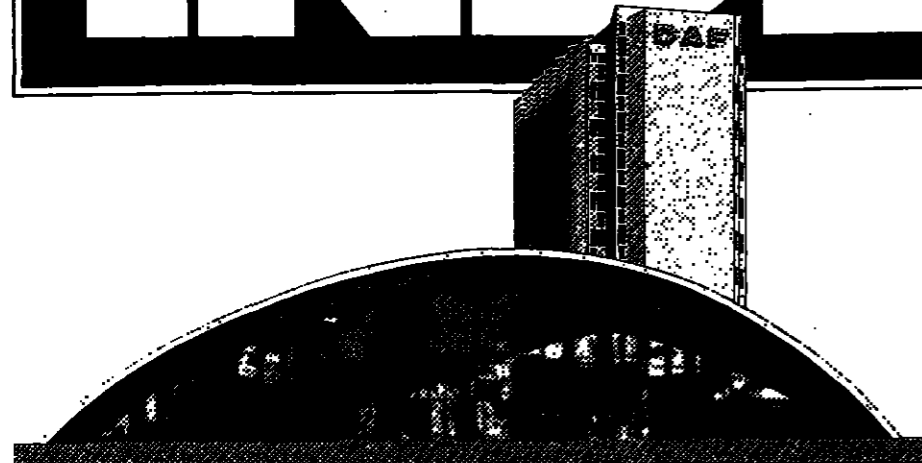
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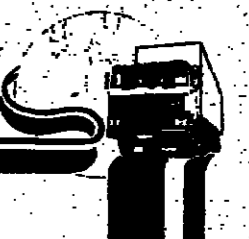
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U.S. trade deficit rises to record \$36b

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (AP) — The United States recorded an \$11.9 billion deficit in foreign trade in goods during the final quarter of last year, pushing the deficit for all of 1982 to a record \$36.1 billion, the government reported Thursday.

The new Commerce Department report confirmed parallel figures released by Commerce last week. Commenting after the new report was released, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said the deficit "will increase substantially more during 1983."

"As the U.S. economy recovers in 1983, imports will increase," he said. "However, because the economies of our trading partners will not recover as quickly and because of the strength of the dollar, our exports will lag."

He said the nation's overall balance of payments — which includes investment income and trade in services as well as merchandise — probably dropped to a \$1 billion deficit for 1982 in comparison with a \$4.5 billion surplus in 1981. No official report has yet been released on that balance.

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Pan Am incurs loss of \$485.3m

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP) — Pan American World Airways on Thursday reported a record U.S. airline industry loss of \$485.3 million for 1982, including a fourth-quarter loss of \$272.4 million, more than \$3 million a day.

Pan Am's loss followed a 1981 loss of \$18.9 million in a year when it sold its Intercontinental Hotels Corp. chain for \$500 million. In 1980 it made \$80.3 million, with an airline operating loss offset by the sale of its New York office building for \$294 million, at the time the largest real estate for action in New York history.

Pan Am, which flies worldwide, said its results were adversely affected by increased foreign exchange losses, which grew to \$60.8 million in 1982 from \$13.5 million in 1981. The loss comes from tickets bought in local currencies that are then translated in dollars. The dollar has been rising steadily against world currencies in the last several years.

Mexico hopes to get \$5b loan

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (AP) — Visiting Mexican Finance Minister Jesus Silva-Herzog said prospects were now bright for an early agreement on the \$5 billion syndicated loan Mexico has been seeking from 25 European and Japanese banks, according to Japanese officials.

They said Silva-Herzog made the remark during a meeting with his Japanese counterpart Noboru Takeshita and at a luncheon meeting with Federation of Economic Organizations (Keidanren) members belonging to a committee to promote investment in Mexico.

The Mexican finance minister arrived here from Europe Monday for talks with Takeshita and leaders of Japan's financial community.

He is scheduled to leave for home Friday after concluding his first visit here since the Mexican financial crisis began last August. Japan is the second largest creditor to Mexico, which carries of foreign debt burden totaling \$80 billion.

Japanese finance ministry and Keidanren officials said Silva-Herzog told them "prospects now are bright for an early agreement on the syndicated loan to Mexico with its signing expected as early as in mid-February."

Mexico has said the loan would be used for the purchase of raw materials and industrial products needed to revitalize its economy and that it hoped Japanese banks would provide some \$800 million.

Argentines robbed of millionaire status

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 4 (AP) — Everyone is a millionaire here, but only until June 30.

That's when law 22,707 takes effect and eliminates four zeros from a currency wracked by inflation and battered by devaluation.

An Argentine worker earning the minimum wage takes home a million pesos a week. But that is only \$19, about enough for a pair of shoes.

It is the second time in 14 years authorities have chopped zeros off the currency to reduce the astronomical sums everyday items came to cost in this country's dizzying hyperinflationary spiral. A 1969 law made 100 "old pesos" one "new pesos."

Inflation was 210 percent last year — the worlds highest for the second straight year. The annual rate has dipped to two digits only once in the last seven years.

The official exchange rate is 53,000 pesos to the dollar, with the black market quote 30 percent higher. The five-hundred peso note, the smallest unit of transaction, is worth less than one U.S. cent. One-hundred peso coins exist, but they are worth so little that few bother with them. Late soccer fans sometimes use them to pelt referees at the end of a match, and anti-government demonstrators hurl them at police.

Under the new law there will be about

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seven "new Argentine pesos" to a dollar. By the time it takes effect, the U.S. currency is expected to be worth at least 70,000 pesos officially.

Economically authorities of the military regime that took power seven years ago maintained and artificially overvalued peso until 1981 in an effort to promote imports and check constantly rising prices of domestically produced goods. The strategy was partially successful, reducing the annual inflation rate from 348 percent in 1976 to 88 percent in 1980.

But the team that took over the economy ministry in 1981 abandoned that policy, saying it contributed to rampant bankruptcies, rising unemployment and general deterioration of the economy.

The dollar was worth 2,000 pesos in January 1981. It has been devalued, in relation to the dollar, more than 2,500 percent since then.

The new law, signed Jan. 7 by President Gen. Reynaldo Bignone, says the new currency "will simplify transactions by permitting the return to more adequate prices of goods and amounts of contracts."

Economy Minister Jorge Wehbe said the computers of the central bank and other financial institutions "just couldn't handle any more zeros." His dilemma becomes apparent with the conversion of Argentina's \$43 billion foreign debt into pesos.

The figure surpasses two quadrillion, or two followed by 15 zeros.

According to the government, the change "will raise to the maximum the useful lifetime (of the currency) and gain the public's rapid acceptance."

But many Argentines appear doubtful. Eleonora Nicotra, a 25-year-old clerk, said, "if we still have not adopted to the current denomination after 14 years, I don't even want to think what's going to happen now."

Waiter Rodolfo Gonzalez has a particular concern. He thinks the change will hurt tips. "The public is going to think their money is shrinking and they're not going to leave anything," he said.

Jose Manuel Lueje, in a letter to the daily *La Nacion*, lamented the deterioration of the currency. He told of his father, who worked as a waiter in a downtown cafe for decades, scrimping and saving until he could afford to buy the establishment in 1930.

Lueje tells how the family sold the place in 1948 for 800,000 pesos, about \$160,000 at the time. He is disgusted that those same 800,000 pesos became 8,000 in 1969 and will equal four-fifths of one new Argentine peso, or 80 centavos.

"I just have to admit along with everyone else the continuation of the injustice and lack of valor to attack the roots of the instability that disconcerts and destroys," he said.

U.S. experts foresee strong recovery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (R) — A new forecast by congressional budget experts predicted economic recovery in the U.S. would be stronger, at least in the short term, than the administration forecast in President Ronald Reagan's 1984 budget.

The forecast, prepared by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), shows the economy growing by four percent between the end of 1982 and the end of 1983, compared with the administration forecast of only 3.1 percent.

CBO also said it expects the economy to expand by 4.7 percent between the end of 1983 and the end of 1984, while the administration has predicted growth of only four percent.

This is not the first time CBO has differed with the Reagan administration on the economic outlook, but in the past it has been the White House that has been the more optimistic.

Congress rejected the economic assumptions used by the administration in preparing Reagan's 1982 and 1983 budget as totally unrealistic and relied instead on the bleak CBO forecasts that ultimately proved more accurate.

CBO's forecast for interest rates and inflation is also more optimistic than the one prepared by the administration. According to the con-

gressional budget experts, interest rates on three-month treasury bills will average 6.8 percent in 1983 and 7.4 percent in 1984, compared with White House projections of an eight percent interest rate this year and a 7.9 percent rate in 1984.

CBO said consumer price increases will average 4.5 percent in 1983 and five percent in 1984, down from a six percent average in 1982. The administration has forecast a 4.9 percent rise in consumer prices this year and a 4.6 percent rise in 1984.

CBO noted its inflation forecast assumed food prices would rise between four and five percent over the next two years, while world oil prices would remain essentially flat.

Like the administration, CBO projected only small declines in the current 10.8 percent unemployment rate, even once recovery is under way.

CBO said unemployment would average 10.6 percent in 1983 and 9.8 percent in 1984. The White House predicted an average jobless rate of 10.7 percent this year and 9.9 percent in 1984, with the rate falling to 6.2 percent by the end of 1988.

As a result, CBO said its longer-term economic projections are not really a forecast, but rather an assumption about the average growth the U.S. economy could attain.

French electronics firm looks Eastward

BOURGES, Feb. 4 (AFP) — A modest hi-fi company in central France said Friday it is attacking the Far East market with top quality systems costing up to \$7,000 and more.

Audioanalyse of Bourges, employing only a score of people, claims to be the only French firm making all units in a high fidelity system: Turntable, tuner, preamplifier, amplifier and loudspeakers.

It has started selling in Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan but is steering clear of Japan, which it says is "unfortunately super-protected". Its systems sell in West Germany, Belgium, Switzerland and Canada. It plans to attack the United States market, where it won a design prize for a unique suspended turntable made in a special alloy.

Head of the company Michel Gauriat said: "High fidelity means what it says for us. Most manufacturers' equipment is too complex and sound quality is lost between input and output."

Audioanalyse, whose turnover has been doubling yearly, and last year sold \$600,000 worth of systems.

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EXIT WITH TEARS

The Nigerian government has announced that it has no regrets over the expulsion of two million fellow-Africans on mass back into an uncertain future, thereby adding insult to injury. The expulsions, some of the largest in modern history, have demonstrated a considerable amount of callous disregard for human dignity and a determined effort to inflict pain on hapless people.

While there is no doubt that the Nigerian government has every right to oust illegal aliens or even those with proper papers, it has acted with indecent haste and caused its neighboring states untold misery.

Such a large number of aliens should have been given adequate notice of eviction, stretching several months, perhaps even longer, to leave the country. But they have not been given half a chance and have been forced to leave post haste as if they were thieves caught in an act of burglary.

One wonders what would be the reaction of the Nigerian government if a similar act was done by the South African government.

AMERICAN AID TO IRA

There was hardly any need for an official inquiry to establish the links between Irish Americans and the Irish Republican Army fighting for the independence of Northern Ireland from British rule.

The link has been known all along and the American government knew that its Irish citizens had legally registered an association to aid the bloody 12-year-old struggle against the British presence. The inquiry which has also taken 12 years has merely given official credence to a common belief that the U.S. is the largest supporter of the IRA which is pinning down a considerable number of British troops. America's greatest and most precious ally — second only to Israel.

Whatever may be the rights and wrongs of the Irish question and there is no doubt that Britain is stuck with it willy-nilly, there is little to justify the American contribution to the bloodbath in one of the loveliest regions of the world.

It is not absolutely certain that the elimination of this source of support will bring an end to the Irish movement but it will no doubt reduce its intensity so much that it may prompt the IRA to consider a peaceful settlement.

With massive American aid now running at nearly 75 percent of the total received by the IRA, the road to peace may be long and bloody with America's second greatest and special partner continuing to pay a high toll in lives and plenty in material resources. Worse still, more Irish lives, Catholic and Protestant, will be lost due to the trans-Atlantic support that pours into the country.

Saudi Arabian press review

Editorials in Saudi newspapers Friday were devoted to the development of the Kingdom and the situation in Lebanon.

Al-Madina, asserted that the future of the Kingdom's development was in safe hands. Commenting on Planning Minister Hisham Nasser's statement that the reduction of oil output would not affect development plans, the paper said King Fahd was following a "far-sighted policy capable of averting those economic shocks experienced by many other states which depend on a single source of income." It recalled Nasser's statement that the Saudi development plan had been based on the fact that the Kingdom's average oil production was five million barrels per day. The minister also noted that Saudi policy provided for a diversification of the sources of national income.

Okaz warned U.N. peacekeeping forces in Lebanon against the danger of overlooking Israeli harassment or dealing with it diplomatically. This would not only obstruct moves to end Israel's occupation but also hamper Middle East peace moves, the paper said. As for multinational

and U.N. forces in Lebanon, they should fully carry out their mandate and confront Israeli troops. "This will make it clear to the Israeli invading troops that the international forces are not on an excursion in Lebanon but on a serious mission to confront Israeli expansionist ambitions and designs," it added.

Al-Jazira, called on the Arab countries to preserve the realized dream, namely Arab solidarity. It said the Fez summit held in September was one of the most successful conferences held by Arab leaders in that it reflected a "very developed concept about the value and importance of Arab solidarity and its necessity as an effective weapon for national defense."

"This concept was evident in the adoption of an Arab peace plan outlining Arab guidelines for a just and comprehensive settlement for the conflict with the Israeli entity," it added.

"Both big and small international powers have welcomed the unified Arab peace plan, being aware of the consequence of ignoring it," the paper noted. (SPA)

Sadat weakened Arab world without strengthening Egypt

Anwar Sadat sacrificed everything for the sake of American friendship including Egypt's friendly relations with the Arab states and Cairo's pre-eminent position in this part of the world. The biggest price, of course, was that he allowed Egypt to be taken out of the Arabs' conflict with Israel and thereby lessen its blunt. But did Egypt get anything in return? The balance sheet does not, unfortunately, show any entries on the credit side.

By Abdul Karim Abu El-Nasr
Editor in Chief, Al-Majalla

During the past few years, Egypt has given America what no other Arab state in the region has given it. During the time of President Anwar Sadat, relations between Egypt and the United States reached such heights that the Egyptian ruler showed more keenness on America's involvement in the Middle East and his strong relations with Washington than Israel did. Sadat sacrificed its Arab relations and much of its political and strategic influence in the region for the sake of America. The Egyptian ruler was among the most faithful allies and friends whom the U.S. had known in modern history.

If President Hosni Mubarak avoids being fidgety over America's doings, it is only because he knows himself well and perhaps expresses his views in his private meetings that America has been able to take all it wanted from Egypt during his predecessor's time. It did not give Egypt its due but dealt with it on the premise that gaining Cairo's friendship does not call for either much effort or sacrifices.

Having said this I should add it is not my intention to convey the impression that establishing strong relations between Egypt and America is wrong in principle and must be given up and Egypt must move closer to the Soviet Union and other big powers. As a matter of fact, this ideal relationship between the biggest country in the world and Egypt represents an exciting experience in the history of the Middle East and the Arab-American relations.

Former President Carter and Secretary of State Kissinger were not the first to have realized the importance of an Egyptian-Israeli peace pact in American interests in the region. Cairo's importance in the American scheme of things were realized by President Eisenhower and his Secretary of State John Foster Dulles too. Secret American documents of that period, Eisenhower's diary and memoirs of several American politicians reveal that the U.S. considered that the biggest diplomatic achievement it could realize would be through an Egyptian-Israeli peace accord. Ever since Abdul Nasser took full control of the situation in Egypt after ousting Muhammad Naguib in 1954 the Eisenhower administration began to give clear signals to Egypt that it was ready to establish very strong relations with it if a peace accord was signed with Israel. Since then it became clear that America's keenness on maintaining friendship with Egypt was not because the latter was a major Arab country but because it was in the thick of conflict with Israel. America thought that if Egypt was removed from a confrontation with Israel, other aspects of this conflict would be easier to manage and the risk of war would fade totally. As a secret American document reveals, Eisenhower had told Abdul Nasser in 1955 that America was prepared to review its entire Middle East policy and to allow Egypt a prominent role in its new policy if a peace accord was reached between Cairo and Tel Aviv.

Abdul Nasser did not reject the American views in principle and left to Eisenhower to move in this direction without deciding whether the conditions of this peace would be acceptable or not. In the beginning Eisenhower encouraged several American unofficial personalities to hold secret contacts with Abdul Nasser and the then Israeli Premier Ben Gurion in order to prepare a meeting ground between Egypt and Israel. These contacts failed but Abdul Nasser did not expose them and was careful to maintain their secrecy.

Eisenhower did not despair but laid out a plan in the spring of 1956 for his personal friend Robert Anderson to undertake shuttle tours for ensuring a peace treaty between Abdul Nasser and Ben Gurion. Eisenhower says in his secret diary published in 1981: "Robert Anderson is the most capable person I have known and I confide in him so much that I feel nothing would please me so much as to offer him the presidency. Because of this confidence, Dulles and I asked him in March 1956 to hold very frank talks with Abdul Nasser and Ben Gurion. We feel that if a peace treaty is signed between Egypt and Israel, the American people and Congress would agree to any request for aid from these two states. We are ready to offer anything that leads to a rapprochement between Egypt and Israel and cooperation between them especially in the economic field."

Anderson visited Cairo and Tel Aviv and held meetings with Abdul Nasser and Ben Gurion. Nasser refused to meet with Ben Gurion while the latter insisted on a meeting before any peace talks. About this attempt Eisenhower said: "Anderson did not

achieve any success in regard to preparing any meeting between the Egyptian and Israeli officials." It was proved that Nasser was a big hurdle in the way. On the other hand, the Israeli officials hoped to conduct talks with Egypt but were quite rigid in not granting any concession for the sake of peace. Their slogan was not to give up even an inch of land. Eisenhower concluded: "Egypt under Nasser would not make any gesture at all for rapprochement with Israel."

This "conviction" was the beginning of a stage of rising tensions in American-Egyptian relations which lasted for more than 10 years, interspersed with brief spells of "mutual understanding". After the failure of attempts for an Egyptian-Israeli accord, Abdul Nasser turned toward the Soviets, nationalized the Suez Canal and accused the Americans of plotting to overthrow his regime. Some secret documents of that period show that Eisenhower actually gave instructions to the State Department and other agencies to "combat" with Nasser politically. Israel exploited this situation and launched an attack on Egypt in collaboration with Britain and France in 1956.

Eisenhower immediately intervened and pressured the three to stop military operations. He also pressured Ben Gurion to withdraw the Israeli forces from occupied Egyptian territory. The main factor behind Eisenhower's action was his chagrin that the three belligerent states decided to go ahead without informing or consulting America, while the latter was making a serious move to "inherit" the Franco-British influence in the Middle East. After Suez invasion the Franco-British influence remained restricted in the Middle East and America began actively to consolidate its position as well as to expel Russian influence from the region.

After the tripartite aggression, Abdul Nasser made an attempt to lead the Arab world with all the upheavals and negative results that accompanied this attempt, while America began setting up axes and alliances against the influence of the Soviets and their friends in the region. But Kennedy's presidency brought about some sort of improvement in Egyptian-American ties. He was the first American president who evinced interest in establishing personal and cordial relations with Arab leaders. Kennedy exchanged cordial messages with Abdul Nasser, some of which contained an American promise to review its Middle East policy. But this did not happen as Kennedy also happened to be the first American president to equip Israel with sophisticated weapons. An advisor of Kennedy told us that he actually intended to adopt a balanced policy in the Middle East, to improve relations with Egypt and to invite Abdul Nasser to visit the U.S. But Kennedy's assassination nullified his plans.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, told Israeli Ambassador in Washington that Israel lost a great friend in Kennedy but "I can say that it has also found a better friend." Johnson proved equal to his promise, because he did supply Israel not only sophisticated offensive weapons, which it used in the 1967 war, but also military and political assistance against the Arabs. Johnson tried to implement Eisenhower's dream by taking out Egypt away from its conflict with Israel and thus putting an end to the state of war. He asked his Secretary of State Dean Rusk to hold contacts with the Egyptian side in this context. Mahmoud Riad, the then foreign minister of Egypt told us that "Dean Rusk offered us a solution in 1968: complete withdrawal of Israel from Sinai in exchange for ending the state of war between Egypt and Israel. We refused this. I told Rusk that Egypt wants a comprehensive solution to the conflict, because we have commitments with other Arab states on which we cannot go back."

Nixon also tried his hand to end the state of war but failed. After the death of Abdul Nasser, Anwar Sadat came to power and opened the door paving the way for a big change. Some American politicians say that what America gave to Sadat could never have been given to Nasser, but this is not correct. True, the Americans had no confidence in Nasser. But they supported Sadat only after he gave them much. From his long experience with Nasser, Sadat had learned a lot, and from the "errors" of Nasser, he had also learned how to deal with Washington.

For instance, the Americans do not want the Arabs to put pressure on them through the Russians, by establishing strong relations with Moscow. This is what Abdul Nasser had done, but Sadat did what pleased the Americans. When he decided to go the whole hog with Washington, he expelled the Russians without even asking a direct price from

Washington. In his memoirs, Kissinger admits that he was surprised that Sadat did not ask anything from the Americans in exchange for this decision. In fact, Sadat was preparing for a major tie with America and he embarked on the 1973 war without the presence of Russian experts in Egypt so that Washington should not say that this was a war inspired by Moscow for its own ends. Sadat fought the war with the courage of an Egyptian soldier and with Russian weapons but, after the war, he opened the door wide open to the Americans.

In the first meeting with Kissinger after the 73 war, Sadat said: "Egypt is the gateway to the Arab world. If you can win Egypt's friendship you can the friendship of the whole Arab world." This was the beginning of a major tie between Egypt and America.

The Egyptian-American relations can be summed up in the following main points:

Someone who had worked close to Sadat and Americans told us that Kissinger is the main person responsible for this relationship, as he had known the weak points of Sadat, mainly the latter's admiration for the Americans. He exploited this to obtain the concessions he wanted. He got an agreement signed for the second disengagement of forces between Egypt and Israel in September 1975, and this was the first practical step toward the Camp David accords. It contained an official American pledge for not negotiating with the PLO unless it recognized Israel. But the fact is that Sadat did not establish this relationship under any magical spell of Kissinger but with full consciousness.

Some people who knew Sadat well and also worked with him told us that he felt the problems of the region could not be solved without the U.S. and that Egypt must become the basic Arab ally of America and protect the interests of the latter as well as the West in the Middle East. From this standpoint, Sadat mingled Egypt's interests with those of America and made his country part of America's strategy and plans in the region. Before signing the Camp David accords, Sadat had become totally "convinced" of the American view that Russia and not Israel was the biggest danger to the Middle East.

The Camp David was the peak of this relationship. Sadat had given the biggest concession to Carter by playing a role in the Arab-Israeli conflict. In exchange for this concession, he obtained a "Guarantee" from Carter that Sinai would be restored to Egypt. He was also promised a solution to the Palestinian problem. In this context, an Egyptian politician said that Sadat "had wanted to realize two basic objectives through his peace initiative: the return of Sinai at any cost and win America to Egypt's side. But the latter told Sadat in the very beginning that the real yardstick for any strong relationship should be the signing of a peace pact with Israel." America considered the Camp David accords the basic axis in the continuance of its support for Egypt, according to this politician. "No American administration would wish to establish strong ties with Egypt if the Egyptian president abrogated the peace pact with Israel. President Mubarak is aware of this very well."

Egypt has paid a high price for its relations with America, as its role became very much confined in the region after its isolation from the Arabs. But Sadat did not consider what happened in Camp David as a defeat, but as a big victory which made him closer to America. He used to repeat what Kissinger had told him after the Camp David accords: "Sadat is the greatest statesman after Bismarck; he is an extraordinary person."

After Camp David, Sadat began to say that America would give a bigger role to Egypt in the region, which would make it overcome its isolation. He hoped that one day America would actually participate with it in mapping the Middle East policy. He was ready to give America whatever it wanted; he even planned to enter into a military alliance with America. He told Reagan that he was ready to join the Atlantic Pact "if the interests of America and the West necessitated this".

In fact, Washington took from Egypt a high price and gave only Egyptian territory and American assistance. The Camp David accords put a bridge on Egypt and gave Israel a free role to play. Begin does not care for peace with Egypt but is concerned with extending Israel's domination in the region. Since America wants Israel to play a leading role in the region, it is keen on keeping Egypt out of the area of actual influence. America listens to Egypt's advice on various issues of the region and is interested in boosting economic and military ties with it, but it does not want Egypt to revive its role.

Mubarak had taken with him two basic files to Washington: one relating to the region's issues and the other to bilateral ties especially in military and economic fields. During his meetings with Reagan, Shultz, Weinberger, businessmen and American Jewish leaders, Philip Habib was also present and the talks had concentrated on the following main points:

Mubarak reiterated to the American president

that his peace initiative could not succeed if the Israeli forces did not withdraw from Lebanon, and added that King Hussein of Jordan would not join the peace process if Israel remained at its present positions in Lebanon.

Mubarak said that, before his departure to Washington, he received a message from Yasser Arafat containing the real Palestinian stance on the peace efforts. Mubarak told Reagan that there was a major understanding between King Hussein and Arafat on the future to be taken for a peace. He also said that America's role as a "full partner" in making the Israelis begin to withdraw from Lebanon would strengthen understanding between King Hussein and Arafat and would also encourage the announcement of a unified Jordanian-Palestinian stance on the Reagan initiative and the peace process.

Mubarak also told the Americans that Israel was exploiting the "time factor", what it could jeopardize any good relations between America and the Arabs. In Lebanon, the Israeli negotiator was delaying matters just to drive the Americans out of the negotiations and to get a high price from the Lebanese. In the West Bank, Begin was establishing settlements with the aim of creating a thaw in the Reagan plan. Mubarak urged the Americans to take a prominent and frank step to prove their actual resolve on the achievement of peace. He suggested that America make efforts to realize two things: partial withdrawal by Israel from Lebanon and to ask Begin to "freeze" construction of settlements in Gaza and the West Bank.

Mubarak deflected the view of the Lebanese authority and told Reagan that Israeli pressure on Lebanon must be lifted and no forcible normalization of relations imposed. He also warned against the division of Lebanon and to accompany risks, and said he supported the Lebanese authority's rejection of any Israeli presence in the south or at the advance warning stations. Mubarak had earlier received a verbal message from Lebanese President Gemayel, conveyed to him by Ambassadors Ghassan Tuani and Nadim Dimashque.

During his meeting with American Jewish leaders, Mubarak told them that he was committed to the Camp David accords but he made it clear that he would send his ambassador back to Tel Aviv only after Israel began withdrawing forces from Lebanon.

In regard to bilateral relations, Mubarak requested America to increase military aid to Egypt from \$1.3 billion to \$1.7 billion for the fiscal year 1983-84. The American administration promised to study the matter, but informed American sources have ruled out the possibility of Congress approving any increase in the aid.

In the matter of economic relations, American officials agreed to give the Egyptians greater freedom and flexibility in seeking economic assistance (\$1 billion) for priority projects and causes. Mubarak also urged American businessmen to step up their investments in Egypt.

The American officials listed to Mubarak, thanked him for his advice and assessment of the situation and told him that they would not receive Begin in Washington before any progress in the Lebanese-Israeli negotiations was achieved. They admitted that the negotiations had almost reached a deadlock and promised to make efforts to break the stalemate. They also said that Philip Habib would return to the region in the first half of February. And no more!

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Today is Saturday, Feb. 5, the 36th day of 1983. There are 329 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1792 — Tipu of Mysore, India, is defeated in war with British and Hyderabad, ceasing half of Mysore to British.
- 1840 — Maori chiefs in New Zealand surrender sovereignty to British by Treaty of Waitangi.
- 1885 — Congo state is established under Belgium's King Leopold II as personal possession.
- 1945 — U.S. troops enter Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Manila, Philippines, World War II.
- 1962 — France's president Charles de Gaulle calls for independence for Algeria on its 50th anniversary.
- 1971 — U.S. Apollo 14 astronauts land on moon.
- 1976 — Earthquake in Guatemala takes more than 23,000 lives.

Thought for today:

Revenge does us more harm than the person itself — John Lubbock, English astronomer-mathematician (1803-1865).



"GIVE US PEACE: " Normal life has returned to war-torn Beirut after eight years of killing and destruction. Lebanese security forces, assisted by multinational peacekeepers, maintain law and order in the city. Picture at right shows an old woman saying: " Just give us peace; that is the only thing we are praying for. "

After eight years of anarchy and chaos

Life returns to normal in war-devastated Beirut

By Hussein Dakroub
Arab News Staff

BEIRUT — Normal life seems to have returned rather quickly to this war-ravaged capital. Eight years of civil war and political turbulence, followed by the barbaric Israeli invasion and the notorious siege of Beirut last June have failed to break the determination of the Lebanese people to weather the storm and rise again. Brushing aside the disputes among politicians which were largely and justifiably blamed for rekindling the strife, the Lebanese resumed their businesses and activities in a normal and peaceful manner a few weeks after the election of President Amin Gemayel in September following the death in a mysterious bomb blast of his brother, President-elect Bashir Gemayel.

For the first time since the flare-up of the bloody civil war in 1975, Beirut is leading a completely normal life. This despite the fact that sectarian fighting is still going on in the mountains and that a large portion of Lebanese territory continues to be under Israeli occupation. Fortunately, the clashes between right-wing Phalangist militia and Druse gunmen in the Khouf and mountains which started in October, have not affected or threatened the peace and normalcy in Beirut.

For the first time in eight years, there are no armed men or trigger-happy boys roaming the streets at will in the capital. In their place, Lebanese Army and security forces elements and multinational peacekeeping forces (MNF) are to be seen in East and West Beirut. For the first time since 1975, regular Lebanese troops are manning roadblocks throughout the city to maintain security and order assisted by the MNF peacekeepers made up of American, French and Italian troops.

Sweeping campaign

As a result of the Lebanese Army's sweeping campaign against leftist factions in West Beirut in October, unlicensed cars and plateless jeeps carrying bearded militiamen have become a thing of the past. Gone too are their offices which were seen in almost every street in Beirut. Thus one can go anywhere and move between East and West Beirut at any time, even at midnight. Speaking of the night, the pre-war night life is also making a quick comeback.

To this should be added the widespread relief felt at the absence of unexplained explosions and bombings (usually blamed on failure to pay protection money) that until recently were a daily feature of life in West Beirut. There are other, more encouraging evidences of people's determination to make a clean break with the past. For example, now one seldom sees the "unseemly spectacle of Beirutis mourning the dead or celebrating wedding parties with a barrage of submachine gunfire. They have also given up the practice of observing religious feasts or occasions with much fanfare and firing in the air which very often proved fatal.

In short, the law of the jungle which was dominant over the past eight years in the absence of legitimate authorities has now come to



PEACEKEEPERS : A U.N. soldier examines the contents in the boot of a passing car while another stands guard at the village of Galawyah in Israeli-occupied South Lebanon. The two soldiers are serving in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

September. And in spite of the steep rise in gasoline prices, (20 liters cost about \$9), motorists are complaining about the heavy traffic jams that cripple the city during daytime and until late in the evening.

Security deterioration or setbacks, which was a daily topic of discussion among Beirutis during the past eight years, has now given place to grumblings about the heavy traffic congestion which turns

the capital's streets into a roaring sea of cars.

In what was seen as further signs of normalcy and strong indications of stability in the country, the following developments drew the particular attention of both local and foreign observers:

— American investors and companies have been told by their government to invest in Lebanon because "the country provides good opportunities for investment."

— The Lebanese government's Council of Development and Reconstruction recently invited civil engineering contractors to submit prequalification applications for tenders for rebuilding the war-devastated commercial district in downtown Beirut. The council made it clear in a statement that the work, which will include building of roads, tunnels, bridges, department stores, gas stations and car parks among others, should start no later than April.

— Without waiting for a government aid or loan, private shop-owners have started repairing or rejuvenating their stores which were badly damaged by the Israelis.

Lebanon's "Las Vegas"

While normal life goes on and business flourish amid the ruins in West Beirut, East Beirut seems to have escaped the devastation brought about by the Israeli invasion in West Beirut. Luxurious hotels, sophisticated shops, stores and buildings are booming. One area was dubbed by a local newspaper as Lebanon's Las Vegas.

Lebanese unity

Meanwhile, in an unprecedented move and for the first time since 1975, the Lebanese of all walks of life and of various sects and political leanings have rallied around the new regime of President Amin Gemayel and his government led by Shafiq Wazzan, especially when crucial negotiations with Israel on troop pullout are going on.

In all his speeches and actions, President Gemayel keeps stressing his primary goal of achieving the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Lebanon and its unity as a nation. As a sign of his popularity among Muslims Gemayel's pictures are seen almost everywhere in West Beirut and outnumber those of Wazzan's. In contrast only Bashir Gemayel's pictures and portraits are seen in East Beirut. One rarely sees any picture of Amin there.

Ever since he assumed power in September, President Gemayel and his government have set in motion a long process of national salvation. In this difficult task, Gemayel and Wazzan have the political, economic and moral support of their Arab brothers and Lebanon's friends in the West.

In its battle to recover the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity, the Gemayel administration, while pinning hopes on Arab and international support to force the evacuation of Israeli invaders, is also taking steps to strengthen the Lebanese Army to enable it to defend the country against internal and external threats. Hence the government's appeal to the Lebanese to support their legitimate army. Pro-army pamphlets such as "No homeland without sovereignty and no sovereignty without army," and "the Lebanese stand behind their legitimate army," are seen in Beirut streets.



LEBANESE ARMY : " No power in Lebanon without Lebanese Army, " says the poster as the Lebanese soldiers enter Sabra, where hundreds of Palestinian civilians were massacred in September by right-wing Christian militiamen. The Lebanese Army has for years been powerless with foreign armies being in charge in the country.



BUS BARRICADE : Part of the war-devastated commercial district in Beirut with a bus being used as a barricade. Picture below shows survivors of the Sabra massacre carrying pictures of the carnage.



RECONSTRUCTION : Reconstruction has started in Beirut. As soon as the bombing ended, workers began to repair the destroyed houses so that the homeless people would get some roof over their heads.

Study group says

Oil price cut won't benefit 3rd World

LONDON, Feb. 4 (R) — A cut in the price of oil would bring little relief, and possibly further hardship, to the debt-ridden countries of the Third World. This is the finding of a group of British-based aid lobbyists at a time when most Western economists are looking to a decline in oil prices to lift the industrialized world out of its worst recession for half a century.

The present glut in the world oil market, coupled with the apparent inability of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to cope with its consequences, has led industry analysts to anticipate a cut in prices in the weeks to come.

Such a cut would ease the future energy costs of all countries, both developing and industrialized, that rely on imported oil and whose economies suffered the impact of the oil price explosions of 1973-74 and 1979-80.

But analysts at the World Development Movement (WDM), Britain's main Third World aid lobby, believe some of the consequences of an oil price slide could further harm the world's poorest countries.

WDM's Jonathan Fryer identified three

main potential areas of concern for the non-oil producing Third World countries if a cut in prices led to decreased spending by the oil producers: — A possible drop in commodity sales, including food — the likelihood that migrant workers would be repatriated, as has already happened in Nigeria — a cutback in research into cheap alternative energy, seen as vital for Third World development.

Fryer said very poor countries, such as Tanzania and other states in black Africa, were now trapped in a vicious circle of debt that would not be broken simply by a cut in oil prices.

The poor countries have had to borrow heavily on the international money markets to pay for the exploding energy costs of the 1970s and that debt would remain outstanding regardless of future movements in the world oil price.

Some countries had been able to counter the price explosion to some extent by finding new markets for their basic commodities among the rich oil-exporting states. In some cases, poor countries had bartered food to cover their oil needs.

Fryer said the Third World's chances of

switching their sales to a post-recessionary industrialized world would be limited by the growth of protectionism in the rich countries, particularly in regard to goods such as steel and textiles into which the developing countries had been encouraged to diversify.

The consequences of future austerity measures in a number of oil-exporting countries is already being seen in Nigeria, where economic decline appears to be an underlying factor in the decision to expel an estimated two million illegal immigrants.

Poor states, such as Ghana, have provided a pool of labor for the oil-producing countries as they undertook massive development programs in the oil boom years. Migrant workers have, in their turn, provided an important source of foreign exchange for their countries by sending money back home.

Venezuela, which is already going through a period of austerity as a result of falling oil income, also has an immigrant population of up to three million Colombians.

Fryer said he hoped that oil price cuts, if they came, would be planned and in stages so as not to add a further shock to the economic plight of the very poor.

Cocoa producers to seek new pact

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AP) — Delegates to a two-day international cocoa conference agreed Thursday to prepare for negotiations aimed at securing a new world cocoa pact.

After consulting their governments, the delegates are to report to the council of the International Cocoa Organization March 14 on reshaping the International Cocoa Agreement due to expire Sept. 30, 1984.

A two-day committee meeting had been called here to discuss buffer stock financing. However, it also agreed to refer further discussion on the buffer stock issue to the same council meeting.

"There has been no committee decision on negotiations but it was evident that delegates were aware that the present 1980 ICCA expires on Sept. 30 next year," executive committee Chairman Henri Fremont of France told reporters.

Fremont said he felt it was his duty to begin consulting delegates and also the representatives of all the countries which are not members of the present pact but who took part in the 1980 Geneva negotiations.

The latter include the Ivory Coast, the world's largest cocoa producer, and the United States, the largest cocoa importer. "In my private consultations with all those who participated in the 1980 negotiations I found that all seemed eager."

Fremont said the March meeting will set up a preparatory committee which will draft the new agreement in time for full discussions and approval by a negotiating conference to be held in Geneva in spring 1984. He said that by September, the delegates will know "the broad lines on which we shall work."

U.S. jobless drop to 10.4%

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4 (R) — Unemployment in the United States fell slightly last month to 10.4 percent from December's postwar record of 10.8 percent, the Labor Department said Friday.

It was welcome news for President Ronald Reagan, and came as his political enemies are renewing calls for emergency measures to put people back to work.

The Labor Department also released for the first time a figure showing joblessness based on a national work force which includes some 1.7 million armed forces personnel. Based on that bigger tally, national unemployment was 10.2 percent last month, down from 10.7 percent in December. December's jobless rate was the highest since 1940 when it peaked at 14.6 percent of the working population.

Though unemployment dipped in January, almost 11.5 million Americans were still without jobs, an increase of over 3.5 million since the recession began in July, 1981.

Earlier this week, Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives endorsed a

Peking strikes gold

PEKING, Feb. 4 (R) — A new large gold deposit has been discovered in the northern Chinese province of Shandong, a major gold-producing region, the official New China News Agency said.

It said the deposit has associated silver, copper and sulphur reserves at shallow depths, but gave no further details.

China does not publish gold production figures but Western experts have estimated output at up to 100 tons a year.

program to create public service jobs, provide soup kitchens and shelter for the destitute and avert foreclosures on farms and homes.

Democrats blame the Reagan administration policies for the rise in joblessness from the 7.4 percent rate that prevailed when he took office.

Despite the drop in January's jobless rate, the Democrats are expected to continue attempts to obtain job-creation programs. But congressional leaders, who believe such schemes would win approval in Congress, are doubtful that President Reagan would accept them.

President Reagan has steadfastly rejected the need for any sweeping new jobs program, maintaining that his conservative economic policies will eventually reduce the numbers of unemployed.

The Labor Department said unemployment for adult men last month fell to 9.6 percent from 10.1 percent in December, and joblessness among adult women held steady at nine percent.

Labor crisis grips French auto units

PARIS, Feb. 4 (AP) — The management of a Citroen auto plant suspended 30 workers for starting a fight and Labor Minister Jean Auroux criticized a Communist-run union Friday as a French auto industry labor crisis showed no sign of abating.

Strikes, demonstrations and violence in the past month have cost the production of more than 50,000 cars, creating heavy financial losses.

Much of the trouble involves immigrant workers who represent a majority on the production lines and who for years have been considered a source of cheap labor.

The immigrants, largely north Africans, have been asserting themselves with increasing force in recent months. Many have been concerned about losing their jobs with increased automation in the industry.

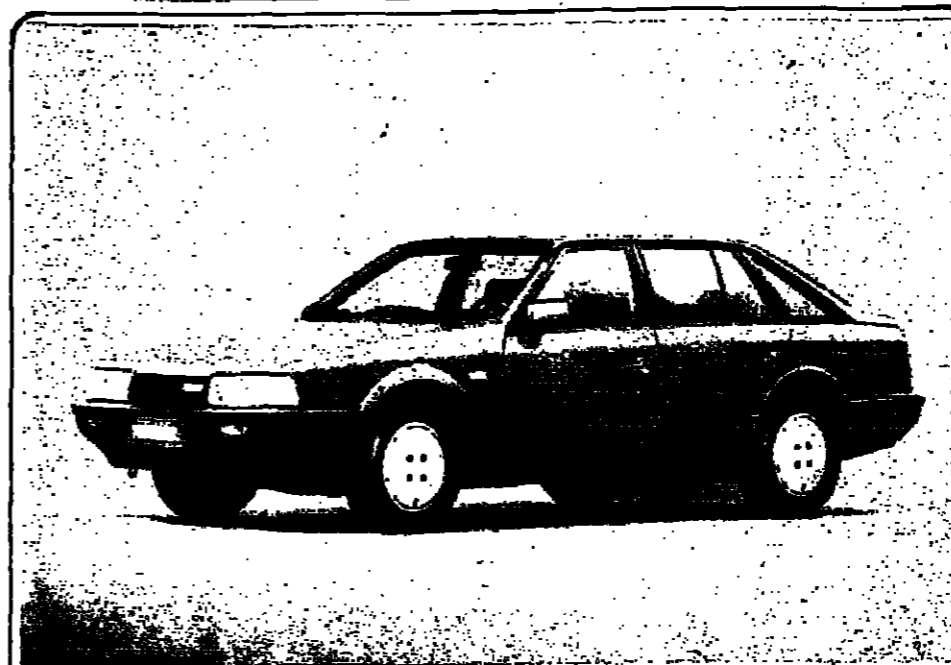
On Wednesday, 17 workers were injured during a fight at the Citroen plant in Aulnay-Sous-Bois when some workers refused to heed a call for a work stoppage by the Communist-run General Confederation of Labor (CGT), France's largest union.

"Either these movements have gotten out of the union's hands and I blame them for not having the ability to control disorders, or these incidents were planned in advance and the CGT bears full responsibility," Auroux said Friday.

The action was condemned not only by Citroen management but also by all of the major unions, including the Socialist-led French Democratic Confederation of Labor, which criticized "using violence to force workers to strike."

Production at the Aulnay plant, which was stopped for two days, remained disrupted Friday as about 300 employees refused to work until stronger measures were taken against the men who started the fight.

In recent weeks, there have been work disruptions at Renault plants in Flins and Billancourt as well.



CAR OF THE YEAR: MAZDA 626 series, including the 5-door Hatchback seen above, won the much-coveted annual Japanese Car of the Year Award from a competing field of 41 domestic models entered at the recently held Tokyo Motor Show. The front wheel drive MAZDA 626 realizes excellent balance of elements required of a mid-size car including roominess, handling, riding comfort, styling and fuel economy.

Gold rates fluctuate Dollar regains lost ground

LONDON, Feb. 4 (AP) — The U.S. dollar strengthened in foreign trading Friday, while gold bullion continued to seesaw around the \$500 level.

European currency dealers said the dollar was helped somewhat by slightly higher American interest rates, but they attributed most market activity to pre-weekend positioning.

In Tokyo, where trading ends just as Europe's business day gets under way, the dollar ended the week at 240.25 Japanese yen, up from Thursday's 239.40 yen and 3.40 yen higher than last Friday's close.

In London, the dollar was unchanged against the pound. The British currency traded at \$1.5220 level.

Other dollar rates compared with Thursday's rate included: 2.4795 West German marks, up from 2.4655, 2.0317 Swiss francs, up from 2.0207, 7.0325 French francs, up from 6.9995, 2.7195 Dutch guilders, up from 2.7075, 1.42575 Italian lira, up from 1.41790, 1.22945 Canadian dollars, down from 1.23355.

Gold bullion prices opened below \$500 in

Europe, but later edged above the psychologically important barrier in quiet trading.

London's five major bullion dealers set a gold-fixing price of \$501 a troy ounce, down \$2 from Thursday's close. In Zurich, gold cost \$500.50 down \$2.50.

In Hong Kong, gold lost \$9.29 to close at \$495.32. Silver was quoted in London at \$14.23 a troy ounce, down from Thursday's \$14.32.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	499.50
Paris	587.73
Frankfurt	498.98
Zurich	498.50
Hong Kong	495.32

Violence escalates in U.S. truck strike

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP) — Two truck drivers were seriously wounded by gunfire in Michigan and Maine Friday, and more produce dealers reported shortages in the fifth day of a violent truckers strike in the United States.

One unidentified driver was hit in the face by a shotgun blast on a Michigan highway and another driver with a load of potatoes was wounded in the shoulder in northern Maine. Both underwent surgery.

It was the most serious bloodshed since the first day of the strike when one driver was killed in North Carolina, a teenage girl was hit in the head by a brick in Pennsylvania and a California driver was hospitalized in Utah.

But so far their have been more than 800 incidents of violence, mostly sniper attacks on trucks, with many minor injuries and 17 arrests.

Water strike said threatening public health in U.K.

BRECON, Wales, Feb. 4 (AP) — Water authorities said Thursday Britain's 13-day-old waterworkers' strike was threatening public health and sent in management to fix faltering pumps, and labor leaders warned they might retaliate by shutting down water supplies.

"They're strike-breaking and we aren't very, very nasty. If this is still going on by the end of the week we'll have to consider switching off the mains," said Glyn Evans, regional organizer of the National Union of Public Employees, to which about a third of the 2,800 strikers in Wales belong.

Several of the nine state-controlled regional water authorities in England also had management or private contractors repair faults as more automatic pumping, chlorination and sewage plants broke down.

The number of people boiling water because of possible contamination rose to 6.75 million out of the 47 million in England and Wales — Scottish water and sewerage workers are not on strike. Households with out water have been kept down to 21,500 because of management action.

Unions had pledged to drive tankers to hospitals and old people's homes for emergency supplies and last week set up emergency hydrants in streets.

But by Thursday, union chapters had withdrawn emergency cover through most of Wales, in the major north England industrial city of Manchester, and parts of London and southwest England.

Foreign Exchange Rates			
Quoted at 4:00 p.m. Thursday			
	Cash	Forward	
Baharini Dinar	9.20	9.14	
Bangladesh Taka	14.20	14.20	
Belgian Franc (1,000)		71.40	
Canadian Dollar	1.00	71.00	
Deutsche Mark (100)	140.00	136.55	
Dutch Guilder (100)	128.50	127.50	
Egyptian Pound	3.16	3.14	
Emirati Dirham (100)	99.75	99.75	
French Franc (100)	40.50	40.28	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	37.50	41.45	
Indian Rupee (100)		34.56	
Israeli Lira (100)		4.25	
Irish Dinar	34.50	34.46	
Italian Lira (1,000)	15.30	14.50	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	9.70	9.62	
Jordanian Dinar	11.85	11.89	
Kuwaiti Dinar	87.50	86.60	
Lebanese Dinar (100)	8.50	8.50	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	28.10	28.56	
Pakistan Rupee (100)	5.30	5.23	
Philippine Peso (100)	94.56	94.60	
Pound Sterling	165.13	165.13	
Saudi Riyal (100)	171.50	170.78	
Singapore Dollar (1,000)	61.75	61.75	
Sri Lanka (1,000)	3.45	3.44	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	75.10	75.25	
U.S. Dollar			
Yemeni Riyal (100)			

The above cash and forward rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6441800, Jeddah.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS				
Authority	Description	Tender Number	Tender Price	Closing Date
Municipal & Rural Affairs Ministry	Temporary asphalted for Sorat Ubaidah villages	245	2,000	Feb. 13
"	"	"	"	"
"	Lighting Haki old streets	246	1,000	Feb. 14
"	"	"	"	"
"	Construction of 3 model markets in Shamasi, Oassin	247	500	Feb. 15
"	"	"	"	"
"	Construction of a mosque, Riyadh	248	2,000	Feb. 19
"	"	"	"	"
"	Asphalted, paving & lighting in Zulfi	54/402/403	8,000	Jan. 30

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1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:				
Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1A	Hual Lisita	A.E.T.	Vehicles/RoRo	22.83
3	Saffina-e-Arab	S.C.S.A.	Fruit/Rice/Vgt.	28.1.83
4	Bronislaw Lachowicz	Attar	Containers	2.2.83
5	Maldiva Republic	O. Trade	General	1.2.83
6	Fawzia	Kanoo	Cont/Gen.	28.1.82
7	Al Ardhiyah	Kanoo	St/Plant Mat.	31.1.83
8	Al Salimiah	Kanoo	Contr/Gen	2.2.83
9	Balder Zee Dawn	Kanoo	Containers/Rice	2.2.83
12	Leidenschaft	Shobokahi	Steel	30.1.83
14	Motagus	Star	Oranges	29.1.83
16	Inzhenier Yambu.	AET	Containers	1.2.83
18	Zeus - 1	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	17.1.83
19	Saqr Jeddah	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	28.1.83
20	Sedge	Bamaodah	Steel/Timbs	28.1.83
21	Ikarion Refter	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	31.12.82
22	Juventa	Star	Timber/Gen.	29.1.83
23	Hilco Sider	Star	Fruit/Eggs	18.1.83
24	Reef Queen	Azar	Contr/General	24.1.83
25	An Anne	El Hawi	Timber	30.1.83
26	Kopellina Stern.	Al Tawil	Reef/Bagged	27.1.83
27	Maldiva Pioneer	Star	Maize/Rice	24.1.83
29	Mykonos	M.T.A	Meat/General	28.1.83
31	Dila	El Hawi	Reef	27.1.83
33	Sah Kim	Altawil	St/General	29.1.83
38	Paros	M.T.A	Reef	25.1.83
39	Amar - 1	Mofarrin	Bag Sugar	28.1.83
41	Fadullah	O.C.E.	Bag F/Gen	1.2.83
42	Al Bandari	O.C.E.	Bag Barley	1.2.83

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3	Jyte Skou	Altawil	Steel/Coils	31.1.83
4	Ibn Al Abbar	Kanoo	Gen/Steel	31.1.83
6	Barbary	Orr	Gen/Steel	26.1.83
10	Ibn Al Roomi	Kanoo	General	1.2.83
12	Sea Heron	SAJTE	Barley	29.1.83
13	Asla Chilho	SMC	General	31.1.83
17	Han Nara	OCE	General	2.2.83
18	Halla Partner	Gulf	General	3.2.82
19	Keghan	SEA	General	1.2.83
21	Kilmamock	Kanoo	Bulk Cement	30.1.83
24	Fathulkhair	Kanoo	Loading Empty	1.2.83
25	Union Yenbo	OCE	Loading Empty	30.1.83
26	Axel Maersk	Kanoo	Containers	30.1.83
27	Falcon Cement	Al Sabah	Bulk Cement	26.1.83
29	MIA	Barber	Bulk Barytes	25.1.83
30	Tarpon Star	SCSA	General	28.1.83
31	Federal Huran	SMC	General	28.1.83
33	Union Beauty	Altawil	Steel/Gen.	4.1.83
36	Peara Flag	Al Sabah	Cemen Silo Vsl	28.1.83
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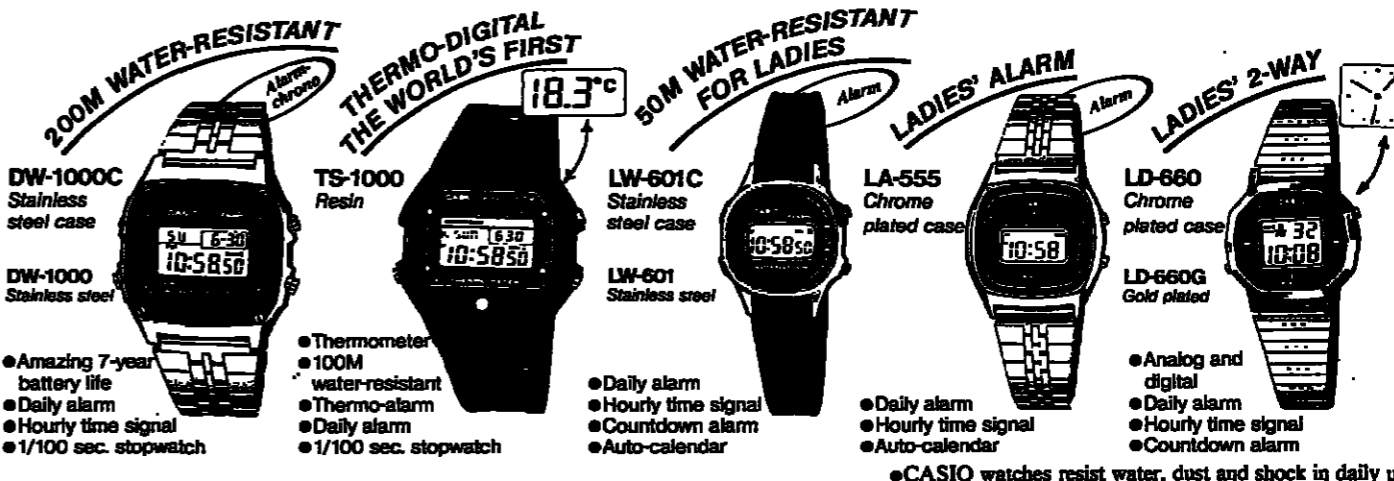
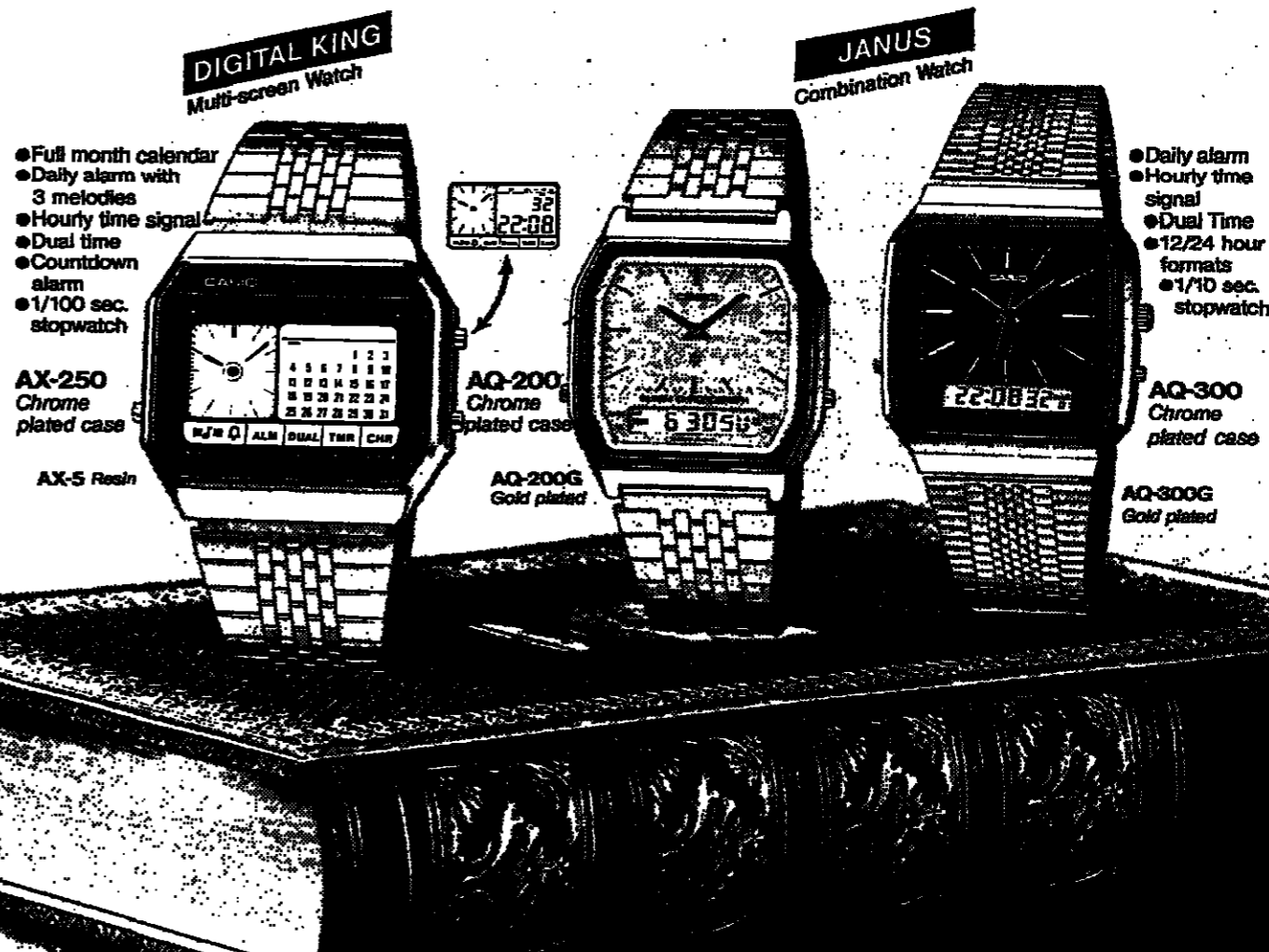
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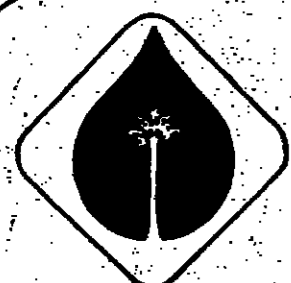
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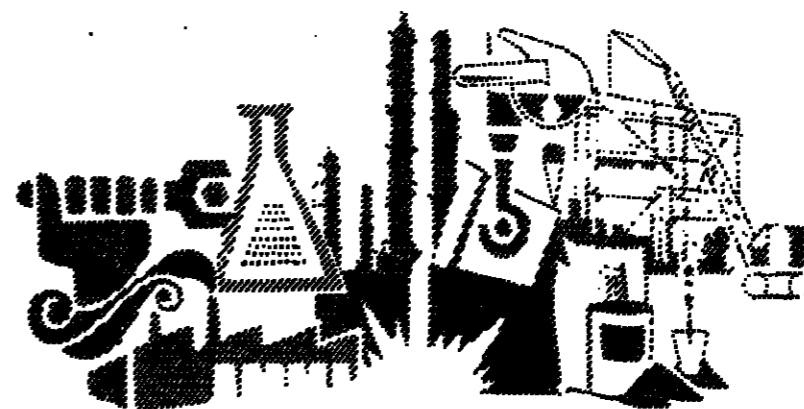
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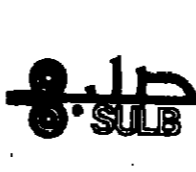
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India finds traditional medicine effective for high blood pressure

By Sumanta Banerjee

NEW DELHI (Depthnews) — "You must remember your blood pressure as you remember your name." This is the advice of Dr. Jaya Shekhar Jhaveri, a noted Indian cardiologist, or heart specialist. And it is a timely advice.

Cases of hypertension and heart diseases have increased by 200 percent in India during the last few years. About one-third of all hospital admissions in the country are now related to heart ailments of one kind or another.

That everyone should check their blood pressure is a must since hypertension (or high blood pressure) often does not show any symptoms in a large majority of cases until it is well advanced. Doctors warn that people risk the possibilities of a stroke, heart failure and other heart ailments — unless early detection and proper treatment are undertaken.

Paradoxically enough, the rise in the number of heart diseases in India is associated with the rise in the average life span in recent years. The average life expectancy at birth has gone up from 46.4 years in 1961-70 to 52.6 years in 1976-81 for males. For women, the rise has been from 44.7 years to 51.7 years during the same period.

This has been primarily due to a fall in the death rate (from 22 per 1,000 in 1960 to 14 per 1,000 in 1980) because of improvements in health care and medical facilities.

But these facilities are available only to those who can afford them, namely the better-off. The fall in the death rate is more perceptible in the cities (8 per 1,000) where residents have easy access to doctors and hospitals. In rural areas (where the death rate is 13 per 1,000) medical care is mostly inaccessible.

It seems, however, that the boon of a lon-

ger life for the better-off has brought in its trail the bane of heart diseases. A recent survey in Bombay, the metropolitan city in western India, revealed that the incidence of hypertension is three times more common among persons with high salaries compared to those earning less than \$30 a month. The survey was conducted by the Society for the Prevention of Heart Disease and Rehabilitation (SPHERE).

The survey showed that cases of hypertension were higher among tobacco-chewers, smokers and the like compared to others who were not habituated to these. The percentage of smokers, the obese and executives with sedentary habits (also highly susceptible to heart diseases) was higher in groups with higher incomes.

What was alarming was that 85 percent of those with high blood pressure did not know that they were suffering from hypertension. Out of every 100 salaried persons, 12 had high blood pressure of the level of 140/90 and above (against the normal 120/80), while six had a pressure level of 150/100. Blood pressure increased with age. After the age of 55, out of every 100 salaried persons, 45 had high blood pressure of the level of 150/100 and above.

According to Dr. Shantilal, chairman of the Organizing Committee of the International Congress on Tropical Cardiology, an important factor behind the rising incidence of high blood pressure is the change in lifestyle due to industrialization. People between 45 and 60 years appear to suffer from increasing tensions. Worry, anxiety and overwork raise the possibility of blood pressure.

Insomnia, tachycardia (palpitation), giddiness and a general feeling of weakness are some of the cardinal symptoms of hypertension. If it becomes chronic, the capillaries supplying blood to the retina may become

disordered and there may be impairment of vision. If the pressure of blood in the brain increases beyond tolerable limits, a capillary or a vein may burst (cerebral haemorrhage) resulting in paralysis or even death.

While doctors dealing with modern medicine in India are increasingly specializing in the treatment of heart diseases, physicians practicing traditional Indian medicine (known as *ayurveda*) claim that they have an old cure for hypertension. This is the plant called *Sarpagandha* (*Rauwolfia Serpentina*) which has been used in India for the last 5,000 years to deal with nervous disorders like insanity and high blood pressure. It is a bushy plant and came to the notice of the international medical community about 50 years ago. An alkaloid has now been extracted from it and is extensively used to lower blood pressure. Given in raw form, it induces sleep and helps cure agitation, worry and anxiety states.

But practitioners of *ayurvedic* medical science warn that such alkaloids have certain unpleasant side effects. They therefore prefer to use the root of the drug in a powdered form.

Ayurvedic doctors suggest that at the initial stages of hypertension, garlic can be very effective. A paste made of about 15 grains of garlic mixed with a glass of butter milk — taken twice a day — will help bring the blood pressure back to normal. A few cloves of garlic taken on an empty stomach not only cures flatulence, but also lowers high blood pressure. If the patient finds the smell offensive, he is advised to fry the garlic.

With awareness of adverse side effects of modern drugs, people in India are gradually turning toward traditional herbal medicines. Heart specialists are suggesting the use of garlic for heart patients. Taking advantage of the new mood, a number of pharmacists in India have entered the scene to manufacture drugs from garlic.

Study on how cancer works

By Philip J. Ellis

WASHINGTON (WP) — Two Johns Hopkins University researchers have identified a crucial change that occurs when normal cells turn into tumor cells, a change that could be a key to how cancers work, according to a report in a scientific journal published recently.

The change is new evidence that supports the widely held belief about the nature of cancer — that cancer cells are simply normal cells with a few damaging, normally inactive genes that somehow are freed and turned on again.

"Whatever cancer is," said Andrew Feinberg, one of the researchers, "it has to do with turning on genes that should be quiet."

For example, genes for fast growth that normally are active only during the time an animal is an embryo, might create the abnormal growth that characterizes tumors if they were turned back on in adult cells.

Also, the genes that fetal cells use to invade others to force the development of the body's organs are still present throughout life, but are turned off. If those genes are turned back on, a normal cell might again invade neighboring cells, as tumor cells do.

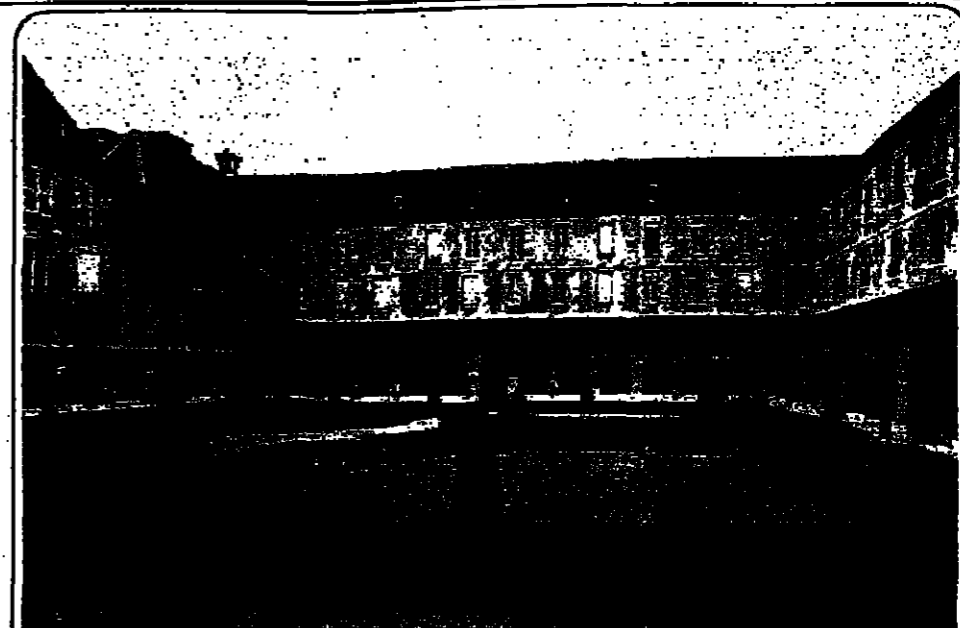
In their work reported in the journal *Nature*, Feinberg and Bert Vogelstein took both normal cells and tumor cells from the colon, lungs and liver in five cancer patients. They checked three genes in each of the cancer cells — two for blood manufacture and one that makes human growth hormone. Each of the three genes is normally turned off by being "covered up" or "methylated" with chemicals called methyl groups. This happened in the patients' normal cells studied by them.

But when they took tumor cells from the colon, lung and liver tumors in the patients, the same three were not covered in four of the five patients. The genes were "demethylated", or freed of their chemical bondage in the tumors, and thus conceivably ready to be active genes invading inappropriate cells.

The difference between the same genes in normal and tumor cells suggested at least one important way cancer can occur — demethylating genes such as those for growth or, for in the case of rapid embryo growth, for invasion of other cells. Feinberg and Vogelstein said the general theory is especially attractive because it may explain several unusual features of cancer.

Cancer cells can move from one body organ and invade another. This is bizarre behavior for normal, adult cells, but it is common in the cells of embryos. So, if the genes that cause migration in embryos were turned on again in adults, the transport of cancer cells could be explained.

It would also help explain why tumor cells produce unusual chemicals and hormones — because the genes for making these may have been freed unexpectedly for manufacture by demethylation. But the critical question about the work and about the general theory of cancer it supports, the scientists say, is whether demethylation is a direct cause of cancer or only a side effect when cells become cancerous.



HOSPITAL COCHIN: This is one of a dozen hospitals which the French government seeks to preserve in view of their unique architectural beauty.

Paris renovates hospitals

By Claude Cirille

PARIS (RFT) — Paris possesses half a dozen hospitals which are real architectural jewels, nearly as beautiful as the best-known Parisian monuments. Because of their aesthetic quality and historic past, these hospitals figured prominently in an information campaign aimed at saving monuments, organized by the Ministry of Culture and named "Patrimony Year".

This effort is to be supplemented by a vast program of restoration and renovation: the state and the city of Paris have signed a convention which shares the heavy cost of this work — some 35 million francs in all — between them.

Very few people know, in fact, that the hospitals of the city of Paris contain a certain number of very ancient buildings which are fine examples of the architectural art of the 17th century. For instance, the "Salpêtrière" was built, in the reign of Louis XIV, on the site of a former saltpeter works (hence its name). At that time it was used as an almshouse, a lodging house, an old people's and orphans' home.

Nearer the center of Paris, the Laennec hospital, completed in 1757, was originally

a hospice for persons suffering from incurable diseases; but as "people of quality" also lived there, wishing to withdraw from the world, the harshness of the style was compensated by the magnificence of some of its furniture and decorations, in particular a chair in sculpted wood.

At the gates of Paris, the Bicêtre hospital also bears witness to a particularly rich past; on this site formerly stood a castle, which was destroyed during a bloody war between the people of Armagnac and those of Burgundy. Louis XIII decided to build a hospital there but it became, for his contemporaries and also for later generations, the symbol of horror and distress. "Murderers, destitute people, idiots, and lunatics live there in the most frightful promiscuity," wrote a chronicler at the time. Despite that, some rare curiosities can still be found in the building, in particular the "Portail des champs", a magnificent entry portal decorated with the royal coat of arms.

All these hospitals were soundly built but have nevertheless suffered the ravages of time. And the new buildings standing near them tend to hide their interest and historic originality. The work of restoration and renovation undertaken by the state and the city of Paris is thus tremendously important.

New attack on spina bifida

By John F. Webb

LONDON (LPS) — Medical researchers are to make a new attempt to determine whether extra vitamins given to women before and during the early stages of pregnancy can reduce or eliminate neural tube defects in babies.

Earlier studies have suggested that a vitamin-deficient diet may cause the deformity known as spina bifida and that vitamin supplements taken before the child is conceived can reduce the risk. In Britain alone more than 6,000 a year are born with the disorder.

Although many doctors have been prescribing vitamins for years to pregnant women, no clear cut case has yet been made of the effectiveness of such supplements. However, the incidence of spina bifida has

been falling in Britain. Now Britain's Medical Research Council (MRC) is to stage a large-scale clinical trial involving at least 2,000 women.

Explaining the reasons for the trial, MRC says the cause of spina bifida is unknown but the number of cases vary from country to country and from area to area. Numbers also differ between the seasons of the year and are related to the social class of the mother. Women who have already had a spina bifida child, run a high risk of giving birth to children with similar disorder.

In the developing embryo, the brain and spinal cord first form as a long flat strip which folds about three to four weeks after conception to form a cylinder. In a few cases in a thousand this stage of development goes wrong and spina bifida results.

OPERATION FOR CATARACT



Dear Dr. Steincrohn: A friend and I use the same eye specialist. The other day we both went down for our yearly checkup. To our surprise, we learned that we have cataracts. The doctor wants to see my friend within a month to check on his eye. As for me, I don't have to return until next year. He says mine is a slow-growing cataract that may never need operation. But my friend is a sure candidate for surgery. With ten patients waiting in his outer office, we didn't want to take up his time to explain. Will you tell us why one may need operation while the other doesn't? — Mr. F.

Dear Mr. F.: When, how and why to operate on one patient and not the other would take a bookful of explanations. The rub of it is that each patient's requirements differ. It all depends upon the patient's age, the type of work he does, and the type of cataract itself.

Many ask, what is a cataract? It's not, as some believe an abnormality outside the eye that interferes with vision. It's inside the eye in the lens. This becomes clouded or opaque. Light can't pass through properly to reach the retina (in back of the eye). Images become blurred and distorted. Normal vision is decreased. When to operate? Depends upon each individual patient. For example, those who do precise work — like an editor, may need operation earlier.

Sometimes it may take years before cataract really interferes with vision. There are two main types of operation: intracapsular extrac-

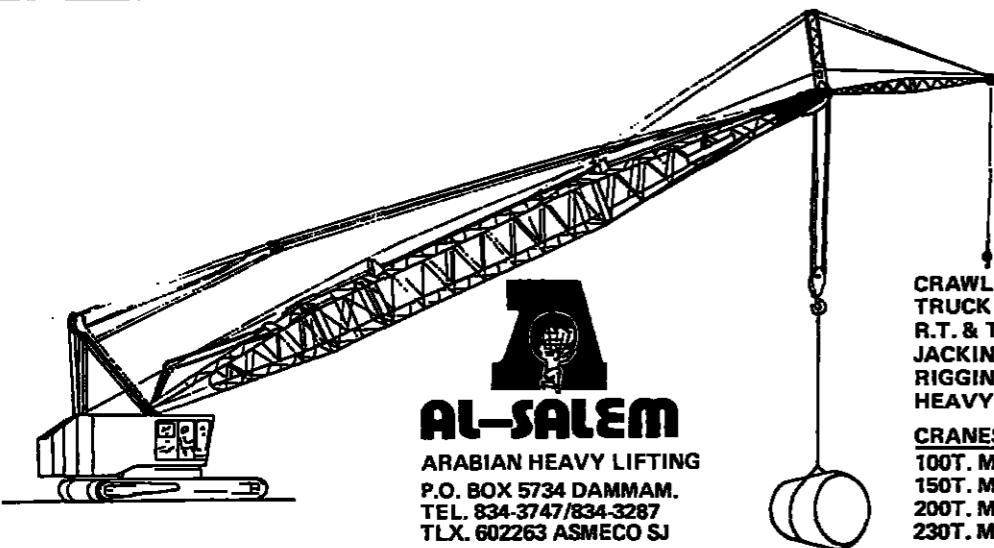
tion (in which the cataract and its capsule membrane are removed completely) and extracapsular extraction (in which only the cataract contents are removed). The traditional method is the intracapsular type of operation.

In addition to operation, there's another choice to make: spectacles, contact lenses or intraocular lenses. There are pros and cons. Spectacles have thick lenses and magnify and often distort the images. Some long-term hard or soft lenses may be worn continually for 2-6 months. Soft lenses can be worn longer. Use of the intraocular lens lessens distortion and magnification. As you can see, Mr. F., the doctor's decision depends on many factors in each individual patient.

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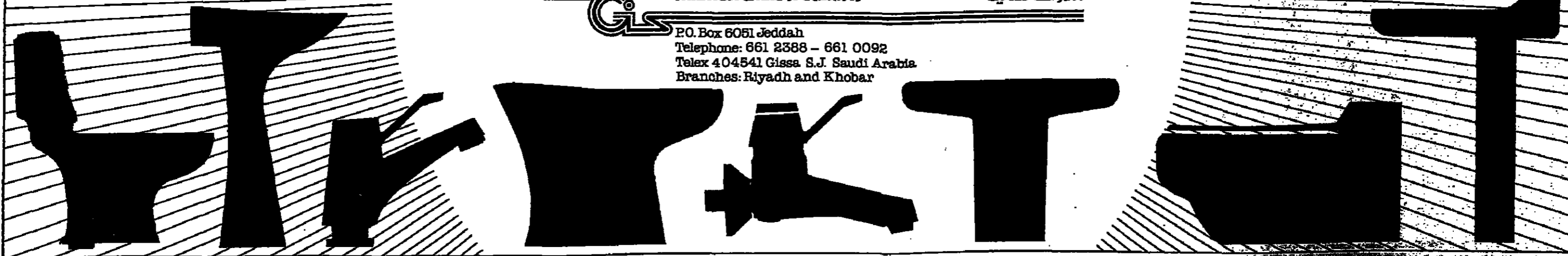
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Extinction of species is forever

By William G. Schulz

WASHINGTON (SNS) — They leave quietly. Most go unnoticed. Few people mourn their immediate loss, yet all of us are profoundly affected by it. They are the animal and plant species our planet loses every day — forever.

The figures are dismal. An estimated 5 million to 10 million species of plant and animal life, the majority still unidentified, inhabit the earth. By the end of this century, more than 1 million will have vanished. At that rate, the earth is losing nearly one species an hour, according to such experts as Dr. Norman Myers, a conservation scientist who has spent 20 years studying the situation in Africa and whose book, *The Sinking Ark*, has called attention to this alarming problem.

Extinction was the topic that brought Myers and other prominent scientists to the Smithsonian's National Zoological Park in Washington, D.C., for a recent symposium, "Animal Extinctions: What Everyone Should Know."

"What happens to the animals on this earth ultimately happens to us," With those words, National Zoo Director Dr. Theodore H. Reed set the grave tone of the conference. A

zoo, he noted, is an appropriate place to discuss extinction. "For some animals zoos are the only hope there is."

Dr. David Challinor, assistant secretary for science at the Smithsonian Institution, put it this way: "Extinction is the norm. Survival is the exception. Perhaps two-thirds of all the animals that ever existed are now no more."

Extinction is, in fact, a natural process, but before humans began heavily altering the environment, species died off at a very slow rate, a result of gradual processes such as changes in the earth's global climate, sea level and vegetation. "Today, however, we can no longer attribute the increasing decline in our animals and plants to 'natural processes,'" the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service states.

Rather, human beings are the major cause of today's situation. "There are too many people," claimed Dr. Elliot Norse, former director of science and policy at the Center for Environmental Education in Washington, D.C. At least 4 billion people live on earth, and another 2 billion could be added by the year 2000. These increasing human numbers lead to "habitat disruption," the main threat to wildlife.

Conservationist Myers defined this disruption as "any significant modification of

natural environments and life support systems." When tropical forests — where nearly half of all animal and plant species live — are cleared for timber, when marshes are drained for construction projects or waterways polluted, some form of life will probably perish or become threatened. Modern technology has accelerated the entire deadly process.

But what is it about animals like the cheetah, the blue whale or the black rhinoceros that keeps them hovering on the brink of extinction, while other animals like cockroaches, rats and house sparrows thrive? Biologists point to the reproductive differences between large mammals and the so-called "pest" species.

Typically, the "pests" are opportunistic species. As individuals, they are short-lived but they reproduce at very high rates. They adapt readily to new environments and can survive almost any human alteration of nature. The house mouse is the classic case.

At the other extreme are large mammals like the cheetah. The cheetah exploits its environment efficiently, but it produces fewer offspring than the pests and cares for its offspring longer. Since there are longer gaps between cheetah generations, the habitat can support only stable populations. This harmony is exceptionally fine-tuned: once the environment is disturbed or destroyed, so is the cheetah.

Not surprisingly, humans fit into this same general category. "We must never forget," the Smithsonian's Challinor said, "that humans, too, are susceptible to extinction."

One reason so many species are gone or threatened is that people fail to recognize their potential value, beyond an aesthetic one. "Organisms have to be looked at very carefully before being called useless," Norse pointed out.

This is especially true of plants, which are often overlooked, even when they are endangered. For instance, *Zea diploperennis*, a very rare but hardy species of wild corn discovered in 1977 in Mexico, can be crossed easily with domestic corn (an annual species), eventually producing a type of perennial corn that is phenomally resistant to damaging viral diseases, according to Dr. Hugh H. Illis of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. However, like many endangered plants, *Z. diploperennis* is found only in a small, isolated area — in the Sierra de Manantlan. Illis and others fear that, without intensive study and appropriate protection, such localized species will soon become extinct.

What can be done about the vanishing species problem? There are, according to the experts, two different approaches: preservation and conservation. Preservation can help save individual species; conservation of natural environments can prevent countless others from moving so dangerously close to extinction.

In the preservation area, zoos play a special role. According to Dr. Ulysses Seal, a University of Minnesota expert in the science of rebuilding small populations of animals in captivity, the challenge facing zoos is to design environments and mating systems that will sustain indefinitely healthy animal populations in captive facilities. Zoos not only provide the public with information about endangered species but also conduct research on individual species that can help save those animals still in the wild. "The guiding principle," Seal continues, "is ultimately to return them to the wild."

Dr. Robert Jenkins, vice president of the Nature Conservancy in Arlington, Va., admits that many of his strategies are like other emergency preservation attempts. The conservancy identifies and acquires land containing isolated pockets of endangered plant and animal species — a short-term solution, he acknowledged.

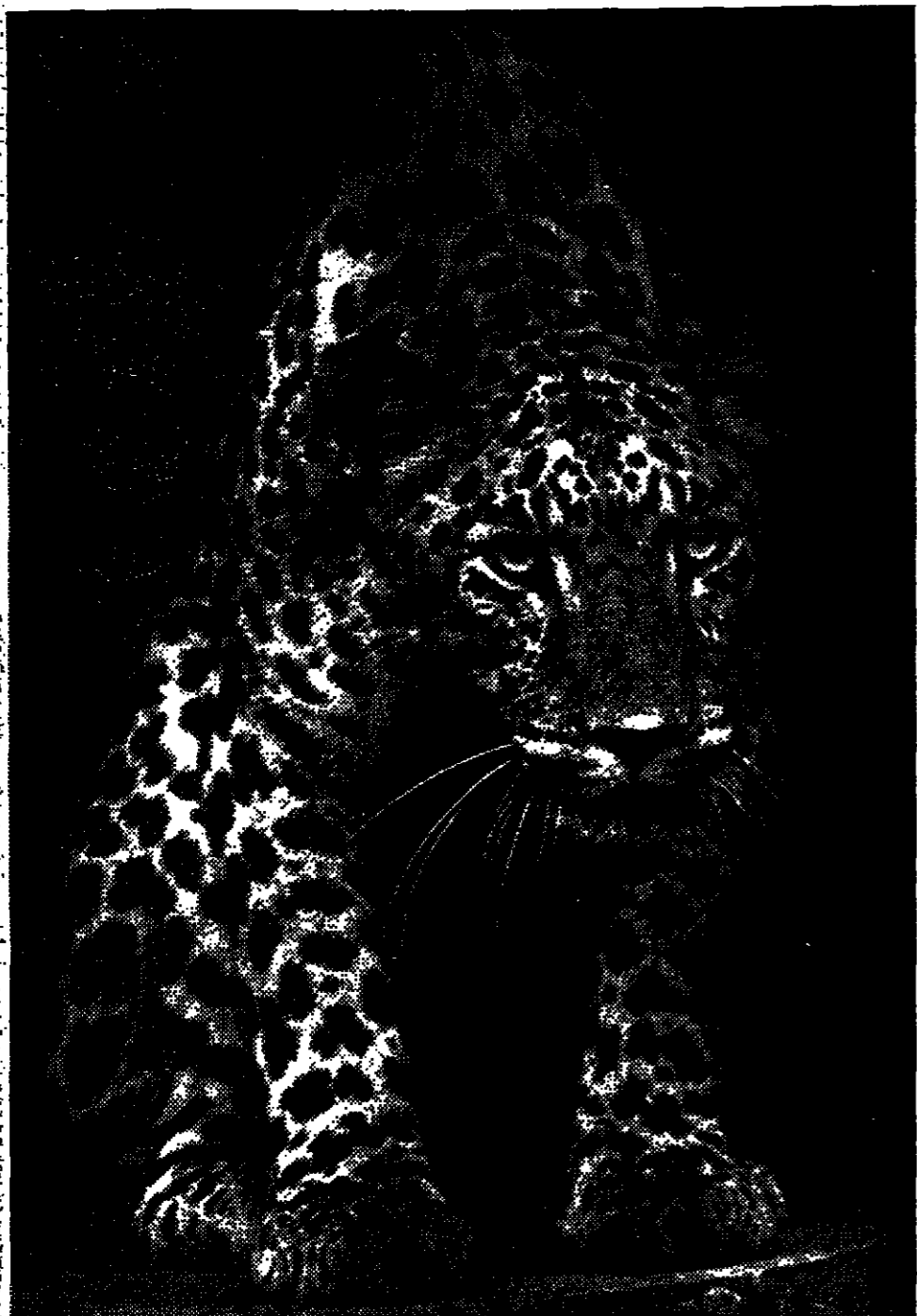
"The world is closing in on the wildlife of East Africa very fast," Myers said. And, for that reason, he proposes a more radical approach to preservation and conservation — a plan known as the "triage strategy." The term "triage" comes from the World War II medical practice of French doctors who found they had more battle casualties than could be treated with available medical resources. Each injured soldier was assigned to one of three categories: Those who could be helped by medical attention, those who could probably survive without attention and those who would probably die regardless of medical attention. Those in the first category absorbed all the medical services available; the others were ignored. Myers insists that a similar strategy for threatened species "would enable conservations to make the best use of their finances and skills."

Another part of his strategy is "cropping," the systematic harvesting of some herds of non-endangered wildlife in Africa. The primary goal is to keep the herds from becoming overpopulated and further destroying the habitat. A secondary goal is to help provide food for a growing number of Africans who would otherwise apply pressures on their governments to open the animal preserves for farming — a situation that would surely wipe out many species. This controversial technique of game management would produce thousands of tons of canned meat, enough to feed hungry Africans. Surplus meat could be exported to other continents to generate funds to maintain the animal preserves.

Myers, as well as many others, is clearly pained by this kind of last resort to save some of the majestic African wildlife. The symposium audience listened in collective horrified silence as he described the cropping by shooting of a herd of elephants in the Tsavo National Park in Kenya.

"They were screaming," Myers related. "They weren't just trumpeting, they were screaming. And, when elephants make as much noise as they can because they are very frightened, the noise is as if there is no air, as if the whole earth is being torn apart."

"Many tough decisions will have to be made," Myers notes in *The Sinking Ark*. "Nobody will like the challenge of deliberately consigning certain species to oblivion." But, Myers says, man, through his actions, is deliberately consigning large numbers to oblivion anyhow, so "he might as well do it with some selective discretion."



ENDANGERED: Large and majestic mammals such as this leopard are endangered or threatened in many of their habitats, and steps are being taken to protect them.

British publishers launch battle against book piracy

By Ian Mackenzie

LONDON (R) — A tipoff at the Frankfurt book fair last October that a huge consignment of pirated books was on its way to Nigeria has led Britain's publishers' association to launch a global battle against book piracy.

The International Publishers' Association in Geneva estimated in 1979 that book piracy, the illegal printing and sale of books, was costing legitimate publishers around the world \$1 billion annually. Many millions more are lost by photocopying copyright material and what publishers call "unauthorized reprinting" in countries like China which have as yet no copyright laws.

But the latest twist in the problem is that book pirates have started exporting their illegal wares on a major scale, and the British association says organized crime is probably involved.

"All indications we have are that we are dealing with organized methods of piracy, and organized crime is probably involved," Tony Read, director of the Book Development Council, the international arm of the publishers' association, told Reuters in an interview.

He added that a report the council had received indicated that those involved "tend also to be engaged in drug trafficking, forgery and smuggling." Robert Machesney, export sales manager for the Macmillan Press, also referred in an interview to organized book piracy — "The same people doing this are also counterfeiting spare parts and drugs."

"Book piracy, in plain terms, is theft," he added. Read said the first concrete indication that book piracy was moving into the export business came with the Frankfurt tipoff. This led to the discovery of two containers of pirated books at Nigeria's port Harcourt.

Last month, Taiwanese customs at the port of Keelung searched a shipment of goods registered as consumer products for Nigeria — a major British book market — and uncovered 40,000 copies of pirated books by world famous authors.

Trade sources said the point of origin of the books found at port Harcourt had not been

clearly established, although it was likely to have been Taiwan.

The Far East, and especially Taiwan and South Korea, is the key piracy area for Britain, while U.S. publishers regard Latin America as their main problem. U.S. and Spanish publishing officials say that in Latin America, countries where book piracy flourishes include the Dominican Republic, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Peru and Puerto Rico.

Read said members of the publishers' association would meet on March 22 to agree on plans. "So I hope we will be fully operational on March 23."

The committee coordinating the campaign will be known as "the campaign against book piracy." It would have three major aims:

—To launch a major world-wide public relations campaign on the implications of piracy for the world book trade;

—To gather information on what is happening on a global scale and provide sufficient evidence to take legal action and

—To provide funds for legal action in key cases on behalf of the industry.

The gathering of information would involve costly detective work, and Read said the amount allotted to the anti-piracy committee could be higher than the initial sum.

The U.S. publishers' association is also studying the piracy problem, and a committee is due to report next month.

Publishers generally emphasize that piracy is a global problem, hitting small legitimate publishers in developing countries even harder than the big publishers in the industrialized world.

"The exporting problem came to light in the last year and if we don't act together on this, pirates will think this is an easy market and it will grow," said Macmillan's Machesney. Townsend Hoops, president of the U.S. association, said "it's an international problem and not a domestic one."

"The subject arises when there are national laws of a country that are not compatible with international treaties and when there is no history of local copyright laws. Publishers in those countries are just reprinters of other people's stuff," he said.



A GARDEN IN ROOM: This is not a nursery but only one of the many examples of bringing a garden-like atmosphere to your living room with the use of some plants and a little bit of imagination.

Turn your home into a garden

By Assiya Khurshid

JEDDAH — An interior with living greenery can be inspiring, decorative and attractive. Plants bring vitality and visual excitement to a room by their living, growing, ever-changing character and their subtle variations in color and texture.

The enormous range of indoor plants available in Jeddah today, provides enough variety for any design. Like exquisite furniture, plants look their best, if they are properly placed and cared for. The imaginative use of plants will transform dull corners or living rooms into positive decorative assets. Many varieties of plants can be used in interior design schemes, and their success depends on the individual's taste and skill.

Plants are booming in the world and are being effectively used as tools in interior decoration by most professional designers. Arranging plants of different shapes, colors and sizes can be challenging, creative and rewarding. A cardinal rule is that each plant or group of plants should stand to attract attention and admiration.

The colors of furniture, carpets, flooring, walls, curtains, plants and ornamental pots should blend to form attractive surroundings. There are literally hundreds of species, varieties of foliage with patterns and colors for all tastes. Ultimately the choice depends on imagination and inspiration of an individual. Nevertheless, it is a good idea to take basic guidelines into consideration, when buying plants. The best choice for indoor decoration purpose would be the plant varieties whose appearance does not change from season to season. Shapes, leaf forms and textures must be distinctive so that the plants create a definite effect. There are big house plants and small. There are kinds that spread out bushily, some climb and trail, others stay slender and are graceful. There are plants with leaves and flowers of bright colors, others with cool, pale and dark shades of green and leaves with patterns. Many have glossy foliage like polished leather, while a few have delicate velvet-like leaves.



HARMONY: The beauty of having a plant decoration gets an extra dimension if the plant you choose blends with the surroundings in a particular place. Below: The special attraction gained by flowers and foliage of smaller specimens when displayed on tabletops or in the center of a living room.



The relationship between the size of the plant and dimension of the room is of great importance. Chosen carefully, plants can have as much impact as a fine piece of furniture or an expensive painting. A tall plant gives emphasis and scale, whereas a tiny plant, however pretty, is completely lost and pales into insignificance in a large drawing room.

Bushy plants with patterned foliage are effective against a smooth polished marble surface and colorful painting of scenery can look more realistic with a plant in the foreground. The flowers and foliage of smaller specimens are attractive if displayed on well-polished tabletops, placed in the center of the living room. Tall plants with giant leaves will extend the window display into the room if placed on either side of the window.

Indoor plants, by no means need be confined to the living room. Some types can flourish in the bathroom with its warmth and humidity while creepers entwined around the hall window brighten an entrance hall. For those with enough space, a large scale indoor garden, provides a focal point for the whole house.

Many people believe that a plant's sole function is decorative. The fact is they are not simply living beings indifferent to humans; they are sensitive and responsive to interest and care. Some horticulturists have claimed that chatting to their plants from day to day helps them grow healthier, taller and bushier. Even conventional gardeners, now and again declare that their gardens flourish when they know they are loved.

While using as decorative pieces the health and happiness of plants should not be neglected. They, like all living things, make certain demands on their surroundings, particularly indoor ones, in order to carry on the activities they need for their continued health growth. Plants have needs very similar to our own — food, warmth, light and air.

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Yingko -- Taiwan's ceramics capital

YINGKO — This small township in the southwest of Taipei county is not known for its beautiful scenery or historic relics. Yet every week it attracts hundreds of visitors. They all come to appreciate the exquisite pottery made in the town, for Yingko is the ceramics capital of Taiwan.

Yingko occupies an area of 18.3 sq. kms and is reached only by narrow country roads or a local train. No express trains stop at Yingko's station, and the town is made even more remote because the roads leading to it are always jammed with large trucks bringing finished pottery out or taking raw materials in.

The first things to catch a visitor's eye are the smokestacks which dot the landscape and give the town a smoky atmosphere. Piled in front of many of the houses are the raw materials for pottery, some in bags, some lying scattered on the ground. Unfinished pieces of pottery lie around drying in the sun and wind, before they are glazed. There are no signs, showrooms, usually associated with such production facilities. The visitor must travel far past the gate to find the area where the work is done. Whether the pottery is made from molds or formed by hand, the sound of machinery is seldom heard. Perhaps the loudest noise is that of people talking.

Pottery workers can roughly be divided into two categories: artisans and seasonal workers. The former perform the more technical tasks, such as shaping the clay, placing the clay into molds, and applying the glaze. The latter carry out the simpler jobs such as opening molds, applying decals, and adding the finishing touches. Most of the seasonal workers are housewives or youths. They are joined by high school and college students during summer and winter vacations, which are the busiest seasons in the factories. For the students, this is good on-the-job training, and also an opportunity to earn well.

According to Taipei county records, the first pottery works in Yingko were opened during the Ch'ing reign of the Ching dynasty (1796-1820) by three men from Chuanchow county in Fukien province, Wu An, Wu Tang, and Wu Tseng. But it was not until the period from 1949 to 1950 when all communications with mainland China were

cut, that the need for Yingko pottery really became acute and business began to pick up. Head administrator of Yingko township, Chen Pi-sung, further explained that the clay found in Yingko is not of very high quality, nor plentiful (although abundant supplies can be found at nearby Sanchia). He feels the main reason the ceramics industry sprang up in the town is the abundance of coal. Pottery must be fired at high temperatures, up to

1300 degrees Celsius and therefore a large supply of fuel is essential.

There is no other industry in Yingko apart from ceramics, and the 400 or so pottery factories make up about 70 percent of the total islandwide. Products include utility items such as cups, bowls, and plates; building materials such as bricks, floor tiles, and bathroom tiles; gifts such as dolls and wind chimes; and artistic ceramics. Currently, 80 percent of all products made in Yingko are used in the construction industry. This section of the ceramics industry is the most mechanized, with some factories being fully automated several years ago.

Yingko's main attractions for visitors, however, are the factories producing artistic ceramics, especially copies of Chinese art treasures. The first factory to turn out artistic ceramics was set up by Hsu Tse-jan in 1972. Hsu hired craftsmen from the immediate area, some of whom had up to 30 years of experience, and supplemented their knowledge with experts from Hong Kong. In this way, he avoided many costly mistakes and also ensured the finished products were both beautiful and natural looking.

The biggest problem faced by Yingko factories now is a lack of creative talent, since few new designs are being produced. One reason is that most of the factories are small family owned and operated enterprises. Even some of the large-scale factories have no research facilities.

On the other hand, copies of traditional items done in Yingko have reached a high level of excellence.

Professor of industrial art at the National Taiwan Normal University, Wu Jang-nung, commented that manufacturing and glazing techniques are of a high standard. He added that ceramics made in Yingko are hard to distinguish from the originals, and so to avoid confusion, are not stamped on the bottom with workshop seals.

While the absence of new designs is temporarily a problem, residents are optimistic about Yingko's future. During the long history of ceramics manufacturing in the town, a large reserve of experience, equipment and skills has been built up.

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POTTERY: The exquisite pottery made in Yingko attracts hundreds of visitors to the city every year.

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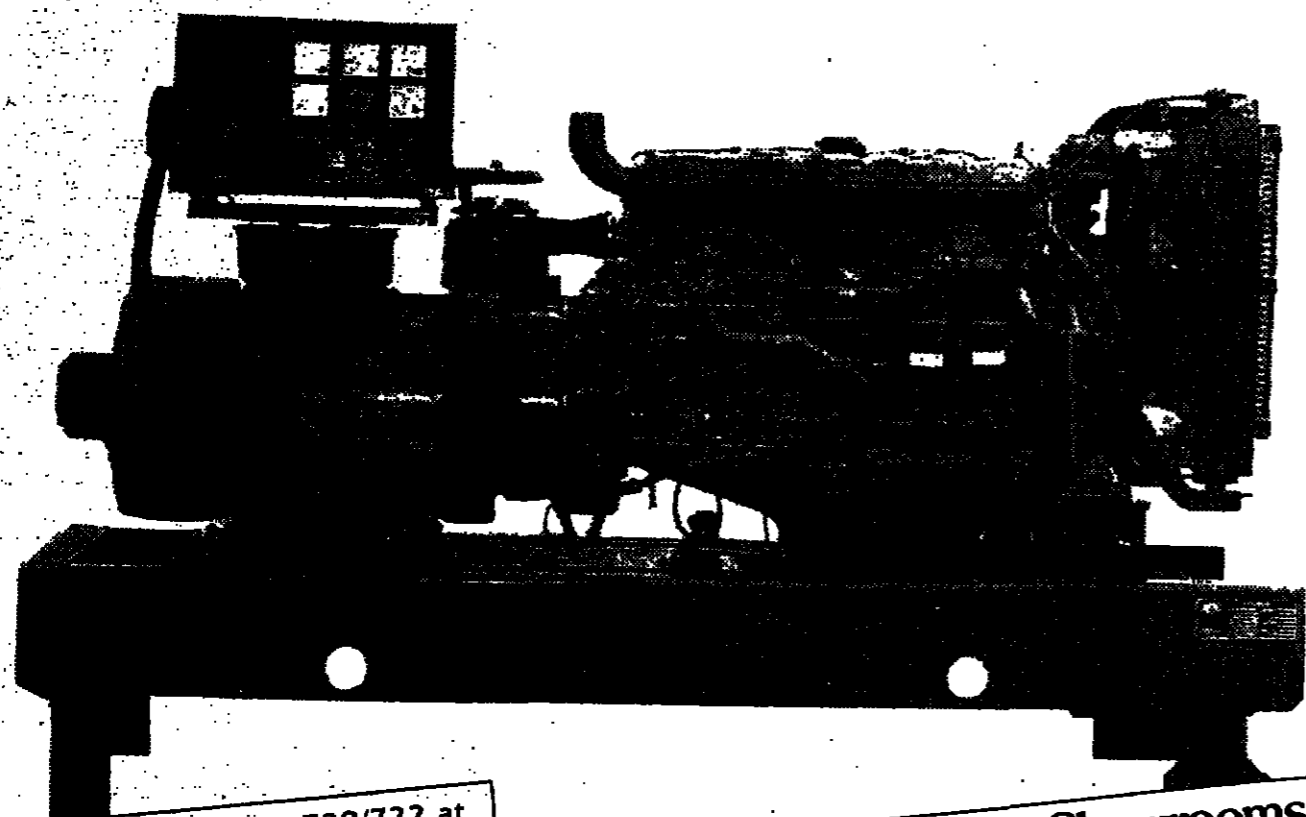
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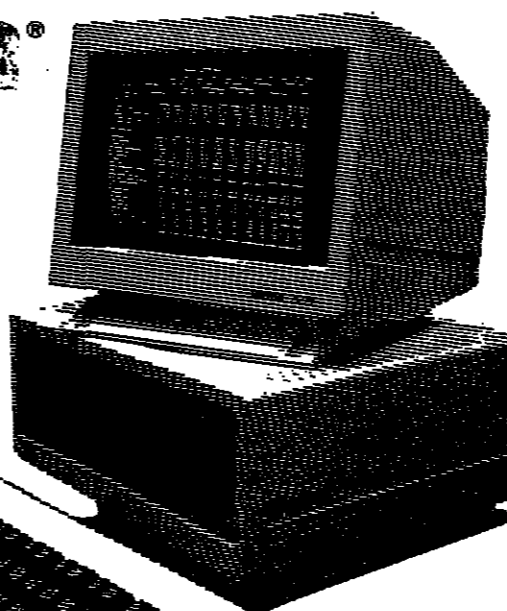
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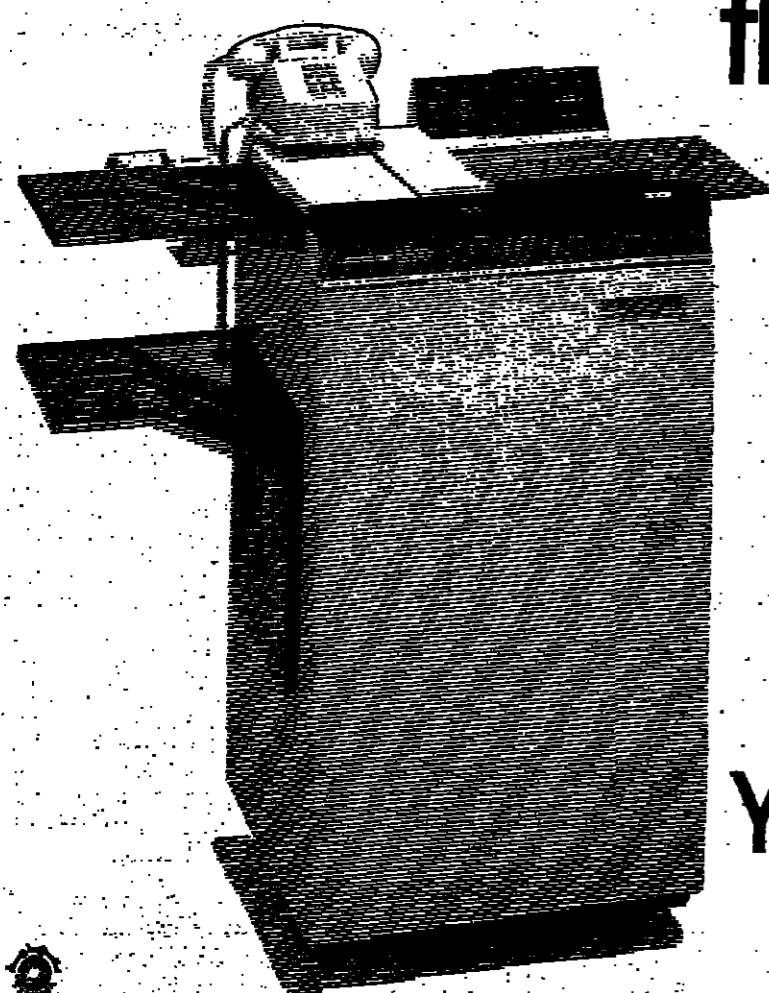
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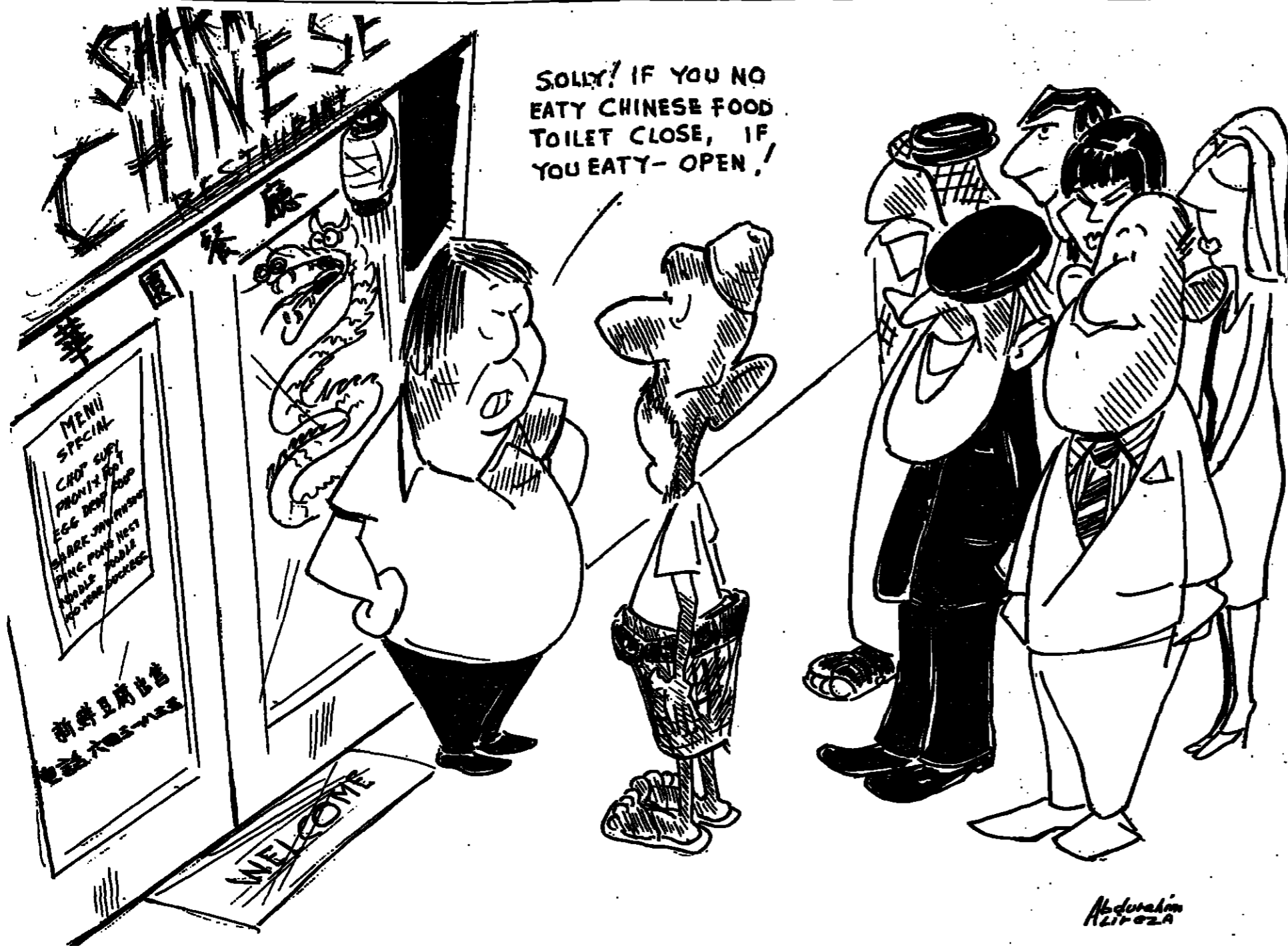


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word watch

By Howard Dana Shaw

TEACHER DOESN'T KNOW: N.J.R. is in a quandary. She saw the word *smarmy* several times, says it's not in the dictionary, and reports that a teacher friend never heard of it. Can we tell her the meaning?

Smarmy refers to insincere flattery or false earnestness. It appears in three of my dictionaries (one dated 1966) and all of them use the word *unctuous* as a synonym.

To my surprise, it does not appear in the American Heritage Dictionary. And it does not appear in any of a shelf-full of books of slang, jargon, and idiomatic terms.

The word is a British colloquialism, and some sources declare the origin is unknown. Funk & Wagnalls says it comes from *smarm*, to smooth out or plaster down. Webster's New Collegiate says *smarm* means to gush or slobber, and quotes the *New Yorker*: "A tone of smarmy self-satisfaction."

OLD CHESTNUT UNDER SCRUTINY: anybody around here remember when your English teacher proclaimed those old rules about *shall* and *will*? You said "I shall" for the plain future tense, and "I will" to express determination. But when you used the words with second or third person subjects (you or he) you reversed the whole thing.

Then as soon as you left English class, you forgot all about it, didn't you?

Is it still considered proper to observe that hoary old guideline? Don't worry about it. The best modern summary of this ancient doctrine is contained in the section on Better Usage of the *Reader's Digest* Encyclopedic Dictionary:

"These rules are observed only in the most formal circumstances, and not always then."

After all, you say, "Shall we dance?" just because *will* would sound strange. And General MacArthur was quoted as saying "I shall return" when he was expressing determination.

HEAD WRITER GETS A "D": recent headline in a prominent trade magazine for editors: "Short-term profits mill." There's no such word (unless you're talking about an obsolete verb that doesn't appear in most dictionaries).

Small difference, perhaps, but the word is *nil* with one L. It means zero or nothing, and can be a noun or an adjective. It's related to *Nilism* (a down-in-the-month doctrine that existence is useless).

The headline writer possibly was thinking of *null*, a word used in law and engineering to signify having no value.

The language is rich in words meaning "nothing"—zero, cipher, zilch, goose-egg, naught and zip. In telephone language, oddly enough, we usually say OH when we mean zero. (Whatever happened to *naught* and *ought*?)

Peking still fears the Gang

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON (LOS)—China's man on the street will read much into the simultaneous decisions to reprieve Mao Tse-tung's widow, Jiang Qing, and to execute two Cantonese embezzlers.

It appears the authorities decided it would be politically too disruptive to shoot the late chairman's wife, although as one of the Gang of Four she had personally commanded the murder and torture of tens of thousands of Chinese.

There was political advantage, however, in condemning to death, with maximum publicity, a local party official and an accountant in the sub-branch of a country bank for offenses which would have received only prison sentences in most parts of the world.

Two years to the day after Jiang Qing was condemned to death together with the rest of the gang, the Supreme People's Court reduced the penalty to life imprisonment and the permanent deprivation of her political rights.

Chinese criminal law permits a two-year stay of execution to allow the prisoner time to display remorse. It had not been expected that the belligerent Jiang Qing was likely to exhibit contrition, and the best the court could say in its judgment last month was that she, and Zhang Chunqian, the other gang member awaiting execution, "had not resisted reform in a flagrant way."

Although millions of Chinese would have been gratified by her death, the Dengists may not have felt confident enough to withstand

the outrage of her supporters throughout the party, the army and the bureaucracy.

But why shoot Wang Zhong on Jan. 17 and Li Jingfang the next day? Wang was executed in an open field before thousands of spectators and with millions more watching on television. His death was "good and gratifying news for the people," said the *People's Daily*. The former secretary of a county party branch in Guangdong province, Wang had extracted for his own use roughly \$30,000 from the smuggling he was supposed to suppress, and had solicited bribes from people seeking to escape to nearby Hong Kong.

A party circular noted that the first lesson to be learnt from Wang's execution was that "capitalist ideology" lingered in Guangdong, doubtless because of its proximity to Hong Kong.

The other executed criminal, Li Jingfang, obtained about \$150,000 by misusing his position in a bank.

There have been much bigger swindlers than Wang and Li. As late as last November two Guangdong officials were caught smuggling more than \$10 million of goods; they had fiddled an additional \$1.5 million in foreign currency—but they were not executed.

Since the latest anti-corruption drive began in March last year, the authorities claim to have solved over 136,000 cases, 51,000 of them smuggling offenses, in Guangdong alone. In one factory, the party committee ran a \$12 million smuggling ring.

Yet until the shootings of Wang and Li, penalties for such crimes were not heavy.

Yugoslav play sets stage for bitter row

By Barney Petrovic

BELGRADE (G)—A theater play reviving bitter memories of the fratricidal war in which hundreds of thousands of Yugoslavs died during World War II has caused widespread controversy increasingly involving top level political structures in this multinational country.

Accused variously of inciting nationalist hatred, spreading Serbian chauvinism or anti-Communist propaganda, the play entitled *Golubnjaca* was banned in Novi Sad, the capital of Yugoslavia's northern province of Vojvodina last month. But it has soon become a best seller in Belgrade to be shown before packed audiences and acclaimed by both the public and the literary critics day after day.

The play tells the story of the wartime massacre of Serbs by the Ustasas, Croatian nationalists who formed a puppet state under the Nazi German protection during World War II. *Golubnjaca* is the name of a precipice in Croatia where the bodies of the slaughtered Serbs were thrown down by the Ustasas.

It took many years after the war of tough official reprisals and fine political skills of the late President Tito to erase the memories of the vicious feud opposing the Serbs who are the country's largest nation, and the Croats, who come next in numbers, and the Yugoslav authorities have remained extremely sensitive to any cause which could inflame the nationalist feelings again.

Golubnjaca was dropped from the repertoire of the Novi Sad theater after 10 performances attracted much acclaim from the public. It was done under the pressure of the city ruling Communist Party committee but the ban immediately caused widespread protests particularly in Serbia but also elsewhere in the country. The work of art cannot be treated as taboo subject, a Slovene literary critic said.

In Belgrade, theater artists staged a boycott of the Novi Sad theater and the

associations of artists, writers and literary critics called for the ban to be canceled and the play to be shown again. The theater showing the play staged as many as four performances a day to cope with interest of the public.

But the Vojvodina political machinery opposed a united front by having various influential groups, such as the national front war veterans, trade unions and the Communist Party organizations, stick firmly together in supporting the ban. They received some backing in Croatia but were opposed in Macedonia and Slovenia.

Acrimonious exchanges then took place between those in favor and those against the ban including lately some senior Communist Party officials. Novi Sad officials went even as far as to allege that the play was anti-Communist and fascist oriented and as such part of a plot between the internal and international reactionary forces to destabilize communist Yugoslavia.

But those opposing the ban, many of whom are well-known writers and prominent Communist Party members, claimed that it was an arbitrary act imposed by the bureaucracy and going against the basic principle of the country's unorthodox self-managing system. One of them compared the ban with the burning of book during the Nazi regime in Germany and the issue is now often regarded as a test of democracy.

Yet the fundamental problem remained what message the play is carrying. Vojvodina officials say Serbian nationalism and chauvinism is involved and Serbian officials reply the play opposes any nationalism and its excesses, even the Belgrade party city committee albeit reluctantly joined the polemics which has been amply filling the pages of the newspaper pages in the capital day after day. It said that it was wrong to pretend that a republic or a province of Yugoslavia could monopolize guardianship against nationalism, a clear allusion to Vojvodina.

The committee, in which some of Yugoslavia's top communist leaders are sitting,

ruled that those people accusing others of nationalism could be in fact trying to show that they were better than the others and hence were in fact more nationalist than the rest.

But a Croatian Communist leader disagreed recalling a certain split among the political brass regarding the issue.

The outcome of the debate and the confrontation, typical for a more liberal political and cultural climate in the country since the death of President Tito in 1980, remains uncertain at present. But other incidents involving rising nationalist feelings have been recently recorded causing increasing concern by Yugoslavia's federal leadership.

In the Croatian capital of Zagreb, legal proceedings were started against five students who beat up a Serb colleague at a hostel and shouted anti-Serb slogans. In Skopje, capital of the Macedonian republic, five university and high school students of ethnic Albanian origin were gaoled for terms ranging from 10 to 15 years on charges of trying to separate parts of the country and join them to the neighboring state of Albania. And in the central Yugoslav republic of Bosnia, a Serbian orthodox priest is serving a stiff prison sentence for insulting Muslims.

Even in Slovenia, Yugoslavia's most prosperous and traditionally most liberal and tolerant republic, local officials have raised concern about what they see as too little attention paid to their Slav but distinct national language which they had managed to preserve during many centuries of the Holy German and the Austro-Hungarian empires until Slovenia became part of Yugoslavia after World War I with the Serbo-Croat language predominant in the country.

With the increasing decentralization, the rulers of Yugoslavia's six constituent republics and two autonomous provinces have appeared growingly anxious to keep their power bases in a system which Tito had introduced to prevent too much power accumulated in the hands of any regional leader or to amass too much power to rule

any nation by another.

There have been signs lately that some of the regional rulers are trying to win popular support by meeting the popular demands often at the expense of other state leaders.

But the notion of a single Yugoslav entity now seems to have won ground and be solidly entrenched in the minds of the young people in particular.

Many of them feel at present that their future lies in the idea of a single and united-minded Yugoslavia. This would have caused some horror in the country immediately after World War II when the communists took over to announce the end of the Serbian dominance over the rest of the country.

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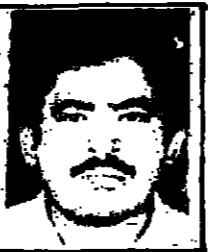


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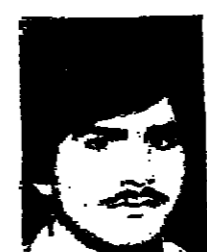


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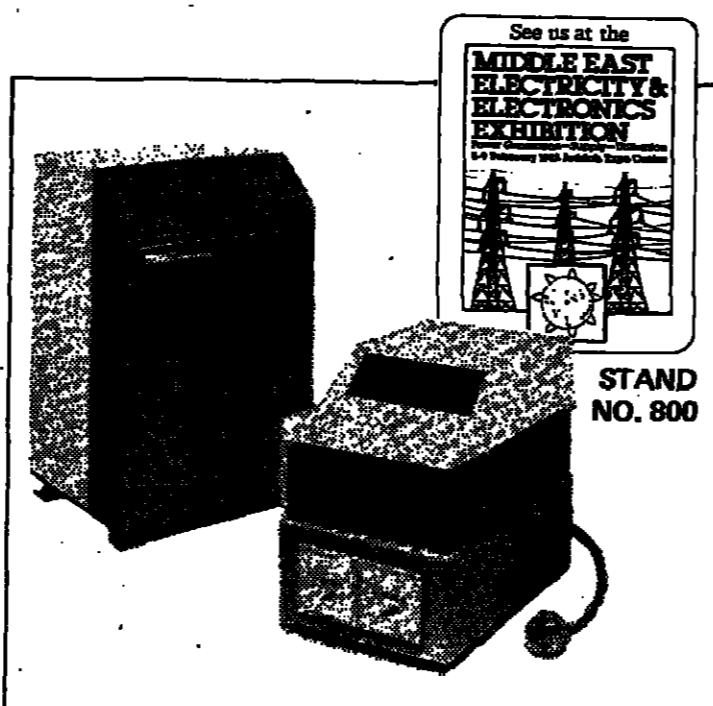
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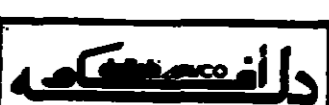
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SMALL SOCIETY

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SMITH'S TENNIS CLASS

I WISH I HAD PLATO'S BRAINS...AND KILLER'S WAY WITH WOMEN

WHAT ABOUT ME?

I WISH I HAD YOUR COMIC BOOK COLLECTION

IT'S REALLY FLATTERING TO BE RESPECTED FOR YOUR COMIC BOOKS

I THOUGHT YOU TOOK ELMO UPSTAIRS TO WASH HIS HANDS

I DID

WELL, HOW COME THEY'RE SO DIRTY?

HE MADE A MISTAKE AND WASHED HIS EARS

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE AT LEAST 12 PEOPLE HERE JOHN!

12 PEOPLE! I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE AN INTIMATE LITTLE PARTY!

WHAT'S YOUR IDEA OF INTIMATE?

TWO.

I JUST READ WHERE THE MORE LUMPS YOU HAVE ON YOUR HEAD, THE SMARTER YOU ARE.

E=MC²... THE SQUARE OF THE HYPOTENUSE IS EQUAL TO THE....

OH, SHUT UP!

WANT TO SEE SOME PICTURES OF MY TRIP?

SURE

O.K...BRING IN THE FIRST ONE...

THIS IS ME ARRIVING IN ITALY...

DOES OUR CONGRESSMAN FEEL BAD ABOUT THE CUTS IN SOCIAL SERVICES?

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY HE'S WRINGING ONE HAND -

DON'T SHOOT TIL YOU SEE THE WHITES OF THEIR EYES!

WHAT HAPPENED?

WORST EPIDEMIC OF CONJUNCTIVITIS I'VE EVER SEEN

HIT MORE OFFENSIVE LOBS.

MANY PLAYERS WITH TWO-HANDED BACKHANDS MAKE IT WITH THEIR ONE-HANDED OVERHEADS!

WANDER

SERVE HIM WIDE TO THE SIDE - HE WON'T GENERATE AS MUCH POWER WHEN STRETCHED.

DENNIS the MENACE

"I HOPE MR. WILSON IS GETTING ALONG ALLRIGHT WITHOUT ME."

DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE

"I THINK WE'VE GOT A GOOD CASE THIS TIME, HARV."

arab news Calendar

TV Programs

Saudi Arabia
9:00 Opening, Quran
9:30 Family Program
9:45 Arabic Series
10:00 News
10:05 Quran
10:10 Quran
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Contract Bridge

B. Jay and Steve Becker

Test Your Dummy Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts. North leads the king of diamonds and shifts to a trump, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

2. You start with eight tricks and should look for the best way to acquire a ninth. There are two main lines of play possible. One is to enter your hand with a club and lead a spade towards dummy. If North follows low, you must decide whether to play the jack or king from dummy. Mathematically, you have a 50 percent chance of guessing right.

3. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump. North leads the king of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

4. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts. North leads the king of diamonds and shifts to a trump, South following suit. How would you play the hand?

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1983

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
You and a close tie may revise some of your investment plans. Some travel for the purpose of finding peace and quiet.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
Perhaps you've been keeping too much to yourself. A loved one would be interested in learning more about what makes you tick.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A teen-age dependent may have some job luck. You begin a physical fitness program. Find time today for both work and play.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
Family outings are favored. You receive an invitation from a co-worker. Shoppers may find something special for a child.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
Keep in touch with family members. Entertaining at home is favored. You discover something of value in an out-of-the-way place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
You may find something to your liking in a mail-order catalogue. You're effective in speech now and should make important calls or visits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
Pay attention to your appearance. Visit a beauty parlor or replenish your wardrobe. Collectors may make acquisitions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
You'll be able to solve within yourself many little things that have troubled you. Meditation and contemplative pursuits are favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
You may revise your opinion about a friend. You'll opt for privacy and will catch up on sleep, relaxation and private interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
You may not be in the mood for large get-togethers, but you will have enjoyable times in the company of a select group of friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
You'll make some minor career gains now. Most likely, you'll talk over recent developments with both friends and advisers.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Travel has business overtones or someone at a distance has a business proposition for you. Cultural pursuits are highlighted.

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As man is burned Keep peace, Ghana warns deportees

ACCRA, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — The Ghanaian government warned Thursday the estimated one million extra citizens expelled from Nigeria not to get violent or break the law.

As the refugees continued to arrive at transit camps after their exodus from Nigeria, Commodore S.G. Obimbeh, coordinator of the repatriation task force, said authorities would not tolerate "acts of violence or unruly behavior." Obimbeh said he was "personally taken aback" when he saw a group of newly-arrived deportees setting fire to a man near Kwame Nkrumah Circle in Accra for allegedly attempting to steal a cassette recorder.

Beginning Wednesday, returning Ghanaians were being ferried by truck from the Agotime-Kpetoe transit camp on the border with Togo to their home villages. But most of those expelled by Nigeria as illegal aliens were gathered around Accra, at a trade fair grounds and a sports stadium at nearby Tema.

Although the Ghanaian government has not given official figures on the number now back home, Interior Minister Johnny Hansen

told reporters in the Nigerian capital of Lagos Wednesday — where he had flown to see his Nigerian counterpart — that "about half a million" of the expelled one million had returned. He described the mass return as a "national crisis." Nigeria issued an order Jan. 17 expelling an estimated 2 million illegal aliens, half of them said to be Ghanaians.

They were unable to begin the trek back until Ghana reopened its border with Togo and many were caught in transit in crowded camps in Benin and Togo countries sandwiched between Nigeria and Ghana — without ample food or water. Togolese officials have reported at least 20 persons died while crossing their territory.

Official Accra radio said conditions at Aflao on the border with Togo showed a "considerable improvement" Thursday. "If the present tempo of evacuation continued, the exercise would be completed in no time," it optimistically forecast.

Donated medicine, rice, sugar, milk and soap had arrived and were being distributed to an evacuation task force, the radio said.

Of militaristic tendency

Japan denies Soviet charge

TOKYO, Feb. 4 (AP) — The Soviet Union said Friday that Japan's recent activities — including strengthening military and political ties with the United States — are part of a dangerous militaristic tendency, officials of the foreign ministry said.

Soviet Ambassador to Japan Vladimir Y. Pavlov conveyed his government's statement to Yoshiya Kato, the director of the European-Oceanic Affairs Bureau of the foreign ministry. The Soviet statement was a counterargument to Japan's protest on Jan. 25 of the military buildup of the Soviet Union in the Far East. Kato denied the Soviet criticism, saying Japan needs a certain amount of increases in its defense force in order to be able to defend itself, the officials said.

The ambassador told Kato that Japan has been given an important role as a Far Eastern wing of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), they said. Kato replied that Japan and the NATO countries share the same social systems and the same political conceptions, so it is natural for them to consult and cooperate with each other, the officials said.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union and Japan Friday agreed to hold their third Japan-Soviet Union working-level meeting in Tokyo in April, the officials said. The meeting, the first since January 1982, is expected to take up bilateral problems and the Soviet concept for redeployment of medium-range SS-20 missiles from Europe to the Far East.

Agitators lynch Assam police officer

NEW DELHI, Feb. 4 (AFP) — The lynching of a police officer by anti-election terrorists has brought the death toll to ten in the current violence in the northeast Indian state of Assam, official reports reaching here Friday said.

However, unofficial but reliable reports put the death toll at 12 to 14, saying that some of the victims relatives had taken away bodies. Alarmed by the rapidly deteriorating security in the strategic state, two senior state officials flew to the Indian capital Thursday night for consultation with the federal administration.

The 78,523-square-kilometer state borders Bangladesh and Bhutan, and a four-year-old native movement demands deportation of the estimated five million immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal who live there. Polls are scheduled for later this month to elect a 126-member state assembly and 12 representatives to the lower house of the federal parliament. The agitators oppose the polls, saying the immigrants are included on the electoral list.

The immigrants constitute about 45 percent of the electorate and can thus influence the results. They traditionally provide solid support for Premier Indira Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

Renewed violence broke out in the state earlier this week, after the federal administration made it clear the elections would be held as scheduled on Feb. 14, 17 and 21. The trouble came to a head with natives and immigrants fighting in the street.

Indian news agencies and newspapers Friday said the anti-election campaigners had burned at least 50 road bridges and seven buses and attempted to set fire to two government buildings in the trouble-torn Darrang district in upper Assam. Six of the ten dead were victims of police firing, and the other four fell in the street clashes, the reports said.

The district administration has imposed an indefinite curfew in the district and called in the army to maintain law and order.

Vietnamese gunners pound rebel positions

BANGKOK, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Vietnamese artillery gunners continued Friday to pound suspected Cambodian rebel positions near a sprawling, burned-out refugee encampment on the Thai-Cambodian border. Thai military officials said.

A supreme command intelligence officer said an unspecified number of Vietnamese shells were dropping into Thai territory near the Nong Chan encampment, captured early Monday by an estimated 4,000 Vietnamese troops.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports said guerrillas of two non-Communist resistance groups, dislodged from strongholds in the area, 230 kilometers east of Bangkok, were regrouping for hit-and-run attacks.

An unknown number of Vietnamese troops were thought to be still in the Nong Chan camp, which had been temporary home to about 48,000 refugees on Thailand's doorstep. Front-line reports said the Vietnamese had deployed Soviet-made T-54 and T-72 tanks in the camp. International relief

organizations were urging Thailand to move the refugees further away from the continued fighting.

Thailand has allowed the displaced population to shelter about two kilometers inside its territory along an anti-tank ditch, where they form what relief workers call a kind of human buffer.

An official of the French humanitarian group Medecins Sans Frontieres said sanitary conditions were deteriorating quickly at the two main sites where trucked-in emergency supplies were being distributed to the refugees.

An international Red Cross official said 87 persons, including some with severe injuries, so far had been evacuated from the Nong Chan area to a nearby surgical facility. The Red Cross has declined to estimate the number of dead in the fighting, because its staff has not yet been able to enter Nong Chan and sift through the rubble. But relief workers quoted Cambodians as saying hundreds may have died.

Terror group issues threat

Corsican police building bombed

AJACCIO, Corsica, Feb. 4 (AP) — A bomb exploded early Friday at the regional police headquarters on this French-ruled Mediterranean island, causing minor damage and no injuries.

A little-known terrorist group seeking independence for Corsica claimed responsibility for the Ajaccio attack about an hour later in a telephone call to the island's top police official.

The call was made by a spokesman of the Corsican Revolutionary Brigade to police Commander Robert Broussard, a French anti-crime fighter who was sent to Corsica Jan. 10 to end separatist violence. "Monsieur Broussard, this is a warning," officials quoted the telephone caller as saying. "We don't underestimate you or your work but nothing will stand in the way of liberating Corsica from foreign rule. Sooner or later, we will deal with you directly."

Authorities said the anonymous caller gave Broussard a numbered code to verify the attack was the work of the Corsican Revolutionary Brigade. The clandestine group used the same code in two earlier attacks — the only others it has ever claimed. Both earlier attacks came last month. In one of the attacks, terrorists shot and injured a policeman guarding an electrical power station in Ajaccio. The other incident was a gunfire and bombing attack at police headquarters in the town of Peri. There were no injuries in that attack.

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Pope murder plot

Italian to confront Savas in jail

MILAN, Feb. 4 (Agencies) — Investigators said Thursday they will set up a face-to-face encounter in jail between Mustafa Savas, a Turkish citizen, and an Italian who claimed Savas asked him to kill the pope.

Savas, 48, of Istanbul, was arrested Wednesday at the Esperia Hotel in Rho, an industrial town outside Milan, but he was not formally charged. A suspected Italian drug peddler, Antonio Armeli Grigio, told police Savas offered him \$210,000 to shoot Pope John Paul II during his trip to Milan in May, judicial sources said.

Savas has denied the accusations. The magistrate in the case, Alberto Nobili, is expected to decide by Friday afternoon whether there is sufficient evidence to charge Savas formally. Italian investigators often set up meetings between suspects in jail when their testimony is contradictory.

Police sources said they were skeptical that Savas was plotting to kill the pope, but they believe he may have been involved in drug traffic. Hotel employees told reporters Savas had stayed at the hotel for two months, arriving in December in a car with West German plates. The employees said Savas told them he was the owner of a glass and lamp factory and was in Italy for reasons of work.

Meanwhile, Beshir Celenk, the Turk wanted by Italian police for questioning in connection with the May 1981 assassination attempt on the pope, will remain in custody in Sofia, the Bulgarian news agency, BTA, reported Friday.

The agency said that Celenk, who was arrested in the Bulgarian capital last Dec. 9, "was not living in a hotel but his contacts with journalists were arranged there." It had been possible to telephone Celenk at the Moskva Park Hotel.

In an interview in *The New York Times* last week, Celenk denied ever meeting Ali Agca, the man convicted by an Italian court of attempting to kill the pope. The news agency added that despite a Bulgarian invitation, Italian investigating Magistrate Judge Ilario Martella had not come here to question Celenk and the Italians had, as yet, made no

request for his extradition.

Referring to an extradition demand by Turkey alleging that Celenk was involved in smuggling, BTA said that investigations had to be carried out in Bulgaria before there could be any question of his extradition.

As the debate continues on whether the Bulgarian secret police were behind the shooting of the pope, one man has managed to stay out of the political fray: Judge Martella, Martella, who has probed the shooting for more than a year, has a reputation for honesty and cautiousness and for checking all leads.

He cheerfully admits he enjoys work, but says he is not treating this case any differently from any of the others he has investigated. "I work more than I should," he told the Associated Press. "My life has remained the same since I started this case. Whatever work I do, I do it with the same seriousness."

California snow-bound, motorists stranded

NEW YORK, Feb. 4 (AP) — A storm that dumped two feet of snow on southern California mountains left 35 schoolchildren and more than 850 motorists stranded overnight while a foot of new snow fell on parts of the Midwest, where 25 persons have already died in the region's worst storm of the winter.

In Florida, thousands of people lost power temporarily after a record string of tornadoes swept the state and killed three persons. Winds gusting to 110 mph Wednesday in Pennsylvania toppled trees and overturned two tractor-trailers in Erie. The brunt of the winter storm was over upper Michigan and Wisconsin Thursday morning, dumping up to 15 inches of snow in some places and whipping gusts with gale-force winds. The storm was heading into Canada.

Heavy rain was forecast Thursday in the North Atlantic states, and the weather service issued a flash flood watch for southern New England. Streets were already flooded in Mobile, Alabama, and western North Carolina.

Meanwhile, a new Pacific storm hit waterlogged southern California with rain, gusty wind and snow. Near San Diego, nearly 100 pupils were temporarily stranded at their junior high school after buses were unable to get through two feet of snow to take them home. Many officials said: "All were picked up Wednesday night by their parents after roads were sufficiently opened. More than 850 motorists were stranded overnight at Red Cross shelters in the Antelope Valley and San Joaquin county areas."

Drought threatens 1m Indonesians

JAKARTA, Feb. 4 (R) — A 10-month-long drought which has already claimed 281 lives in Indonesia's remote Irian Jaya Province is now threatening up to one million people, according to the newspaper *Sinar Harapan*.

Sinar Harapan said local government officials in Kupang, West Timor, reported that 172,000 people were in critical need of food in the scattered islands of eastern Indonesia and that up to one million more could be affected. The area extends from the resort island of Bali to East Timor, north of the east coast of Australia.

There was no immediate comment from government officials on the report but they confirmed that a meeting of the central food distribution agency, Bulog, would be held in the east Javanese city of Surabaya over the weekend. The drought, which has eased in Sumatra and Java with the arrival of wet season rains late last month, dashed Indonesia's hopes of achieving a record rice crop this season. The government has asked for increased grain shipments from the United States.

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Bermuda premier's party wins poll

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 4 (R) — Prime Minister John Swan's United Bermuda Party (UBP) won a decisive victory in Thursday's general election in this Atlantic island, increasing its majority in the house of assembly from four to 12 seats.

The millionaire black prime minister's decision to go to the country three years early paid him rich dividends, with his mainly white party winning back four seats from the predominantly black opposition Progressive Labor Party (PLP). This gives the UBP 26 seats to the opposition's 14 in the 40-seat house of assembly, according to the official results. The election, dismissed as nothing more than a "popularity contest" by opposition candidates, gave Swan, 47, the mandate he had sought from the voters of the affluent British colony of 55,000 people.

A jubilant Swan, who has been prime minister for the past 13 months, said Thursday night: "I feel absolutely marvelous that the people have supported me in this way."

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Bahrain	14	57	20	68	clear	Mexico City	8	46	24	75	clear
Bangkok	23	73	31	88	clear	Miami	18	64	24	75	clear
Beirut	8	46	13	55	rain	Montevideo	17	36	27	81	clear
Belgrade	-2	28	4	39	cloudy	Montreal	2	36	6	43	rain
Berlin	-1	30	3	37	clear	Moscow	-7	19	1	34	clear
Brussels	-1	30	4	39	clear	Nassau	17	63	25	77	clear
Buenos Aires	18	64	29	84	clear	New Delhi	7	45	18	64	clear
Cairo	8	46	15	59	cloudy	New York	10	50	15	59	cloudy
Chicago	-7	19	-4	24	clear	Niagara	6	43	15	59	cloudy
Dublin	13	55	15	59	cloudy	Osaka	3	37	8	46	clear
Frankfurt	-1	30	6	43	cloudy	Peking	-2	28	6	43	clear
Geneva	-1	30	2	36	cloudy	Rio de Janeiro	20	68	31	88	cloudy
Havana	16	61	23	73	cloudy	Rome	2	24	13	55	cloudy
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Hong Kong	13	55	15	59	cloudy	Seoul	-3	27	5	41	clear
Honolulu	16	61	28	82	clear	Singapore	23	73	31	88	clear
Jakarta	22	72	30	86	rain	Sydney	15	59	27	81	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	23	73	34	93	cloudy	Taipei	11	52	14	57	rain
Lisbon	8	46	16	61	clear	Tokyo	3	37	10	50	clear
London	0	32	5	62	clear	Vancouver	2	36	5	41	cloudy
Los Angeles	12	54	19	66	cloudy	Venice	-3	27	5	41	rain

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